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North Korea Holds Out The Empty Rice Bowl

Seeking Handouts, Envoys Tell Japan That Food Shortages Loom Again

By T. R. Reid

TOKYO - Putting hunger before IUKYU — Putting hunger before ideology, the Communist government of North Korea has asked one of its leading capitalist enemies, Japan, for emergeacy supplies of rice.

A North Korean delegation visiting here told Japanese political leaders Friday that the 22 million people of their nation face serious food shortages again this year unless Japan and other coun-

this year unless Japan and other countries increase their shipments of food and other aid.

After standing proudly for decades on their self-proclaimed watchword, juche, or self-reliance, North Korean leaders have been increasingly open in recent years about admitting that the largely agricultural nation cannot feed itself.

South Korea's government says North Korean rice production totaled about 1.5 million tons last year, about 40 percent below subsistence levels. The North already is said to be importing rice from Thailand, China, and South

In addition, the United States reportedly sent surplus corn this spring as part of the broader arrangement designed to get North Korea to stop nuclear fuel development. The United States has also shipped fuel oil, another commodity badly needed in the North.

Over the past two years, people who have traveled in North Korea have re-

the financial markets. Traders expect more

weeks like this for much of the year, but

this time they blamed it mostly on a long, lost holiday weekenti.

After what had looked like a much-

awaited turnspound earlier this month for

America's battered currency, hedge fund

managers and investment bankers decided

around midweek that they had bet too

much on the dollar and that the rally was

Ron Leven of J. P. Morgan, among others, sent a timely and probably self-fulfill-

ing sell signal Wednesday, warning clients

to limit their dollar risks during the thin

and unpredictable trading period from Thursday, the Ascension Day holiday on the Continent, to Monday, a bank holiday

The result of this week's two-day dollar

sell-off was a drop of 4.9 percent against

the Japanese yen and 4.6 percent against

the Deutsche mark. On Friday, the dollar

stood at 82.83 yea, down from 84.80 on Thursday, and 1.3771 DM, down from

mitted throughout European stock mar-kets and to Wall Street, where a 50-point

fall in the Dow Jones industrial average

during the morning halted computer trad-

The Dow later climbed back slightly but closed 43.23 points lower at 4,369.00.

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Friday that Israel

might make a "very limited" and sym-

bolic withdrawal from the Golan

Heights over a period of three years to test full peaceful relations with Syria.

Israel would uproot any settlements in

the initial stage of withdrawal, Mr. Ra-

bin said: "I hope not At the most, one

clined to specify the extent of the withdrawal they were prepared to make from the Golan or the future status of

its thousands of settlers.

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Israeli leaders have previously de-

Asked by Israeli television whether

The holiday nervousness was also trans-

in the United States and Britain.

.3980, at the end of trading.

Dollar Pulls U.S. Stocks

Into Dive for Second Day

government is said to have posted signs in many cities exhorting: "Let's Eat Two Meals per Day, Not Three!"

The travelers have reported that the shortage of food has led to unrest and riots in some areas. They have also reported that North Korean soldiers have been stanged around the capital have been stationed around the capital, Pyongyang, perhaps to gnard leaders

against an uprising.
The regime in Pyongyang has denied those reports.

Although North Korea and Japan have no diplomatic relations, there are hundreds of thousands of people of Korean ancestry living in Japan, many with relatives in the North Because North Korea prohibits its citizens from leaving, Korean Japanese must travel to North Korea to visit relatives there.

North Korea to visit relatives there.

North Korea requires large cash payments for such trips, and visitors are also encouraged to bring large amounts of food. Some carry 25-kilogram (55-pound) bags of rice to the North to provide food for relatives.

Travelers report that rice, normally a staple, is in such short supply that most North Koreans only get to eat it once

Japanese officials said it would be "difficult" to provide rice to North Korea until Tokyo and Pyongyang could normalize their relations - a process that is going nowhere. Japan at the moment is a rice importer, which makes it harder for Tokyo to ship its own rice

In this context, the Japanese answer ported increasing hunger there. The of "difficult" constitutes a firm "No."

It was the second day in a row that stocks had plunged. On Thursday, the

Dow industrials fell nearly 26 points after

several days of worse-than-expected read-

Normal trading on both sides of the

Atlantic was not expected to resume until

Wednesday, and then all markets will be

pised for Friday's unemployment num-

"It is people with short-term money who

are driving this market," said Kevin Harris of MCM MoneyWatch. "Right now, ev-

eryone is thinking what to do if the Fed

eases. The Fed hasn't moved, but the sto-

ries are in their heads and take on a life of

The key to the uncertainty is the outlook for the U.S. economy, now undergoing a

growth slowdown of unknown depth and

But because the economic outlook has also given pause to the Federal Reserve,

the interest rate factors that normally help

drive the currency markets are in abeyance

For example, Mr. Leven reports that whenever the yen approaches 80 against

the dollar, large Japanese insurance com-

panies pull money out of their hoards of

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bers as the latest measure of the softness in the U.S. economy. Options market prices indicate traders expect the whole week to

ings on the economy.

be volatile.

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Israel Might Test Golan Withdrawal

(Reuters)

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Serbs Seize UN Peacekeepers

3 Observers Left Shackled At Potential NATO Target

ZAGREB, Croatia — The Bosnian Serbs chained three United Nations mili-tary officers to the premises of an ammunition depot near their headquarters of Pale on Friday after NATO warplanes bombed the site for a second consecutive day.

The use of three officers — a Canadian.

a Czech and a Russian - as human shields and the detention by the Serbs of at least 100 other UN soldiers underscored the Serbs' determination to resist further NATO attacks and the difficulty of pursu-ing air raids with peacekeepers vulnerable on the ground.

Witnesses said an enormous blast shook the Pale area on Friday morning as several NATO jets made repeated runs at an ammunitions depot already hit on Thursday. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization said six weapons bunkers were targeted and five destroyed.

The planes returned safely to their bases as huge plumes of smoke billowed over the

But the political and military usefulness of the toughest NATO strikes used so far in the Bosnian war remained in doubt as the Serbs adopted a defiant stance and the chief UN spokesman here, Fred Eckhard, said the peacekeeping mission was in the throes of "a crisis." (Bosnian Serbian forces also cut electric-

ity and water supplies to the Bosnian capi-tal, Sarajevo, on Friday in a campaign to squeeze city residents and intimidate the United Nations, Reuters quoted government sources as saying.]
Film made available by the Bosnian

Serbian Army after the NATO raid Friday showed three UN officers chained to doors or posts within a few meters of the site of the attack. A separate radio recording was released to Reuters by the United Nations in which one of the officers says, "We've been advised that the next bomb that falls, we'll be killed."

It was unclear whether Lieutenant General Rupert Smith, the commander of UN forces in Bosnia, would respond by backing down at a time when force has brought positive results or pursue further Serbian compliance with a demand that the shelling of Sarajevo cease.

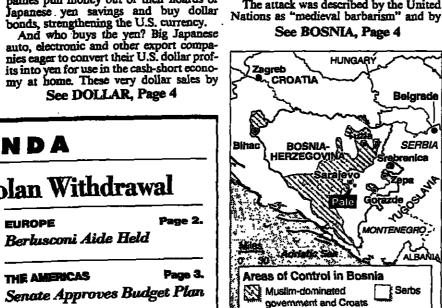
The NATO bombing occurred before an ultimatum for the handover or removal of

all heavy weapons near Sarajevo expired at noon Friday and appeared to be a response to the devastating Serbian shelling of the northeastern town of Tuzla on Thursday evening. A single 120mm shell killed 71 people and wounded more than

The assault on Tuzla, the largest town after Sarajevo held by the Muslim-led gov-ernment and a UN-declared "safe area," appeared to constitute the most murderous single shelling of the war, worse even than a mortar round that killed 68 people at a

Sarajevo market in February last year. Film footage from Tuzla broadcast on Bosnian television on Friday showed bodies and severed limbs scattered around a wide area where hundreds of young people had been drinking on a cafe terrace in the warm evening air.

The attack was described by the United Nations as "medieval barbarism" and by See BOSNIA, Page 4



Safe area designated by U.N.



A photograph taken from a television broadcast showing a UN military observer from Canada handcuffed to a lamppost at the NATO-hit Serbian ammunition dump near Pale. Canadian officials identified him as Captain Patrick Rechner.

A High-Risk Road, With No Return Trip

Raids Counterproductive, but U.S. Predicts Eventual Success

By Roger Cohen New York Times Service

ZAGREB. Croatia - By ordering NATO air strikes against Bosnian Serb positions, the United Nations, strongly prodded by the Clinton administration. has embarked on a high-risk policy from

which there appears to be no way back.

The goal of the new policy, as outlined by U.S. officials, is to use consistent force to oblige the Bosnian Serbs to respect UN resolutions and peacekeepers in Bosnia, thus reviving prospects for peace and pre-

serving the embattled UN mission. "I believe air attacks will be effective and, in time, in time, I think it will achieve the desired result," William J. Perry, U.S. defense secretary, said in Rome on Friday. "But I do not expect that result, namely the stopping of the shelling, to occur im-

Far from ending the Serbian shelling of Sarajevo and other mainly Muslim towns the UN has undertaken to protect, the immediate effect of the NATO raids has been the opposite: an increase in the Serbian bombardments, widespread bloodshed, and, predictably, Serbian threats to the lives of UN personnel in Bosnia.

This Serbian response has, in turn, raised a fundamental question: Might the American-backed adoption of force end up by placing the 22,000 UN soldiers in Bosnia in an impossible position, obliged to blink first to the Serbs and ultimately withdraw from Bosnia with the help of U.S. troops?

On Friday, American and UN officials had to ponder two deeply troubling images of their new policy.

The first was that of the carnage in the northeastern town of Tuzla, where 71 civil-

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ians were killed by Serbian shelling that came in response to the NATO raids near the Bosnian Serb stronghold of Pale. The second, released by the Bosnian

Serbian army, was of three UN military observers chained as human shields to a door on the premises of the ammunition

depot already hit twice by NATO. The first image — including the severed heads and arms of youths who had been enjoying a coffee on the terrace of a Tuzla cale — suggested only one possible response: pursue the NATO attacks, as Mr. Perry intimated, until the Bosnian Serbs

understand that their barbaric shelling of Bosnian city centers will no longer be ac-

Alain Juppé, the French prime minister, said Friday that, "We can no longer accept a situation in which the international community is permanently defied."

The second image, however — of Canadian, Russian and Czech UN officers handcuffed to a Serbian depot containing artillery shells — suggested that further NATO bombardment would amount to sacrificing the lives of international soldiers who went to Bosnia to keep a peace that has never existed. At least 100 other UN soldiers were being held hostage by Bosnian Serb forces at other sites.

Faced by this dilemma - posed in acute form Friday but not exactly new to Bosnia -it was unclear which way the UN would turn, although a new note of caution and hesitation was evident.

A retreat from force at a time when the Serbs have not met the conditions set by an ultimatum issued Wednesday - the return of four guns to UN control and the removal or handover of other heavy weapons within a 20-kilometer (12.5-mile) radius of Sarajevo — would raise the question of See POLICY, Page 4

Order to Discourage Jewish Tourism Haunts Bonn

By Alan Cowell

BONN — An official of Germany's gov-ernment-financed tourism office in New York City says he was dismissed after uncovering a directive from his head office in Frankfurt saying that "Jews, blacks, Hispanics, and Asiatics" should be discouraged from visiting Germany.

Government officials here sought to dis-

tance themselves from the directive as a statement of German policy and said they could not explain how it came to be in the files of the New York office.

The office is already embroiled in sever-al racial and sexual harassment suits and recently dismissed an employee who was involved in translating an article that sought to deny the Holocaust.

Fred Gross, the acting head of the New York office, said on German television Thursday night that he was suing his employers, a Frankfurt-based office that is supposed to promote tourism in Germany. The office receives about 85 percent of its budget of more than \$30 million a year from the German government.

Mr. Gross said the document had not been formally withdrawn even after he drew the attention of his superiors to it. German television showed an excerpt from the document, which referred specifically to "Jews, blacks, Hispanics, and Asiatics" as people who should not be encouraged to

visit Germany.
Ulrich Geisendorf, an official of the Economics Ministry, which finances the tourism agency, described the document as "worthless." He said it dated to 1984 and did not reflect the practices of German tourism. It was not known who wrote the In fact, Mr. Geisendorf said, American

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Search Finds No 'Adam,' but a Small Human Family

By Boyce Rensberger Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Scientists who tested the Y chromosomes of 38 men around the world have found evidence suggesting that everyone living today descended from one small population of a few thousand people who may have lived about 270,000 years ago. The researchers say those ancient people may have been the first representatives of the modern human species.

The findings are consistent with the prevalent view among anthropologists that the origin of the species was a relatively recent event that happened in one region and that humans then spread over the world.

Today's racial variations would have arisen after that dispersal. The finding challenges a rival hypothesis that modern human races began emerging far earlier, perhaps or even a single couple were the sole ancestors of modern a million years ago, in several widely separated parts of the world from a more primitive human ancestor, Homo erectus, that had originated still earlier in Africa.

As these things go, the 270,000-year date is tantalizingly close to the 200,000-year age claimed in 1987 for a common female ancestor who, inevitably and mislead-ingly, came to be called "Eve." In that case, like the new one, scientists based their conclusion on analysis of modern human DNA, which is increasingly being recognized as a repository of considerable evolutionary infor-

This time, however, the researchers reject the idea that any putative common male ancestor be dubbed "Adam." As both they and the scientists behind "Eve" explained. there is absolutely no indication that one man or we man

Rather, the studies show that today's people are descended from a population, probably of a few thousand. presumably an isolated tribe of a more primitive human species who did not mate with other groups. As a result. their evolutionary changes gradually made them different from their ancestors.

Both the new report and the "Eve" findings are clues that help determine when the modern human species. Homo sapiens sapiens, came into existence and replaced a more primitive ancestral form of human that appeared perhaps half a million years ago. "Personally, I like the idea that we're a fairly recent

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Unicef Lost Millions To Fraud in Kenya

23 Fired After Audit Uncovers Looting in the Nairobi Office

By Christopher S. Wren New York Times Service

UNITED NATIONS, New York — The United Nations Children's Fund lost as much as \$10 million to serious fraud and mismanagement by its Kenya office in 1993 and 1994, Unicer's new executive director,

Carol Bellamy, has reported. The losses, which auditors have traced to two dozen Unicef employees in Nairobi, represented more than a quarter of the office's budget of \$37 million for the two-year period, which coincided with drought and an influx of refugees from the war in Somalia.

So far, eight staff members have been dismissed and 15 others, including two former dirious misconduct. Another employee has been suspended for simple mismanagement, bring-ing the total to 24. There are 23 more cases under investigation.

"This is a serious blow to Unicef," said Ms. Bellamy, sounding angry as she disclosed details of the worst scandal in the agency's history.

She described Unicef as "an organization which has earned its dedication and its commitment to saving children's lives and for their development and for their protection."

cef's executive board on the sonal purposes.

scandal. She said the corruption uncovered was not systemic and did not involve other Unicef operations run out of Nairobi for neighboring Somalia and

The first irregularities were uncovered by a Unicef auditor during an unannounced visit to Nairobi in November. Unicef brought in more auditors in January to comb through the Kenyan office, where they found \$500,000 in unpaid bills. Though the scandal became common knowledge at the United Nations, Thursday was the first time that losses were estimated at \$10 million. The exact extent of theft and waste is still not known.

"This kind of behavior is just totally unacceptable," said Ms. Bellamy, who became executive rectors for Kenya, have been director in April, well after the suspended and charged with secont uption was uncovered. She corruption was uncovered. She promised to make management changes a top priority.

> So far, auditors have identified more than \$1 million lost through fraud. The fraud included payments for nonexisfailures to disclose links to bogus contractors, and insurance claims for nonexistent medical

An additional \$8 million to a well-deserved reputation for \$9 million was believed lost through rampant mismanagement. This included overstaffing, spending well beyond the authorized budget, failing to Ms. Bellamy spoke at a news oversee contract services, and conference after briefing Uni- using Unicef vehicles for per-



José Maria Aznar, leader of the opposition Popular Party, waving to supporters at a campaign raily in Valencia.

Spain's Socialists Face Election Setback

MADRID -- With campaigning ended for Spain's local elections on Sunday, the opposition was apparently set for a sweeping victory, although Prime Minister Felipe González remained optimistic about closing the gap.

More than 8,000 town halls across Spain are at stake, as well as 13 of the 17 regional Parliaments, in what the conservative Popular Party is viewing as a rehearsal for general elections.

If opinion polls prove accuvotes," he said, "but I think the

rate, the Popular Party, the result will be a lot better than main opposition party at national level, will give Mr. GonThe polls give the Popular electoral setback in more than 12 years in government.

But in an interview published Friday, Mr. González said he was confident the Socialists would do better than widely thought and again refused to consider bringing forward elections that are not due until

zález's Socialists their worst Party 37 percent to 46 percent of the municipal vote to the Socialists' 28 percent, and forecast it winning 12 of the 13 regions. The number of places where it can form a government depends on post-electoral bargaining with other parties.

The Popular Party now governs in 4 of the 13 regions, and in the last municipal elections, in 1991, it won 25.2 percent of the vote. The Socialists govern eight of the regions and won 38.4 percent.

Observers say defeat for the Socialists would be a major blow, but noted that the Catalán Convergència i Unió coalition was standing firm on its commitment to ensure Mr. González a parliamentary majority until the end of 1995.

If the Popular Party does credibly in San Sebastian, the strongly nationalist Basque city, the results could come to symbolize the resurgence of Spanish conservatism.

in the region, displacing the Barcelona," El País said in an Spanish Workers' Socialist Pareditorial. (Reuters. AFP)

tal and at the heart of the out-

break were reluctant to say it

"The number of new cases has diminished," the head of a

Zairian Ebola committee, Born-

penda Bonkumo, said in Kin-

shasa, which has so far been

spared. "Only previously de-

The World Health Organiza-

tion, tracking the disease from

its headquarters in Geneva, said

Friday that the epidemic had

passed its "acute" phase. But doctors and health work-

ers fighting to contain the virus,

which has so far been confined

to Bandundu Province, re-

"We cannot say we have

won," Mr. Bompenda said. "I

The virus, spread by contact with infected blood or bodily

fluids, kills by causing uncon-

trollable bleeding. Symptoms

include fever and diarrhea.

Doctors in Kikwit, the town

that has borne the brunt of the

epidemic, were equally cautious

vhen they spoke to visiting

Zaire's top virologist, Jean-

Jacques Muyembe, said in Kik-

wit, 500 kilometers (300 miles)

were still assessing the impact

of the fourth and final phase of

from the capital, that doctors

There is no known cure.

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Epidemic in Zaire

Is Seen as Peaking

Compiled by One Stuff From Dispatches fourth phase there will be many

ty, but still far behind the Basque Nationalist Party. Still,

barely escaped a car-bombing a month ago in Madrid.

"A lot of people think I'm campaigning with a battle tank," said the Popular Party candidate for mayor of San Se-

The Socialists will be watching results keenly in Barcelona, the Catalan capital. Spain's second city is the last jewel in the Socialists' crown at municipal level, and its loss would be a

the momentum gathering behind the Popular Party has jolted the Basque separatist move-

ment, ETA. ETA militants assassinated the Popular Party's mayoral candidate in San Sebastián, Gregorio Ordófiez, last January. The leader of the conservatives, José Maria Aznar, just

bastian, Jaime Mayor Oreja.

severe blow.

The race there is between the Socialist incumbent, Pasqual Maragall, and Miquel Roca, former parliamentary spokes-man of the Socialists' allies, the Catalán Convergencia i Unió. 'In the last instance, the date Opinion polls predict the for calling early general elec-Popular Party will emerge as the second political movement outcome of the electoral test in

people falling ill, but perhaps

town for the next two weeks,

be hopeful or not hopeful."

Dr. Mnyembe, who helped

the northern village of Yam-

buku, said he expected the epi-

said Friday that the virus had

killed 121 of the 160 people stricken in Zaire.

Many of the victims were

health workers who treated pa-

tients in the main hospital of

Kikwit. The virus is not be-

lieved to have spread beyond

Bandundu Province and no

cases have been confirmed in

Kinshasa, the capital city of 5

million people. Still, Kinshasa is setting up

35 centers for people who fear

they may have contracted the

"Among the seven people de-

clared suspected cases to date,

five have now been excluded

from the list and two are still

under observation." a hospital

disease. Two people in the city are under observation with

Ebola-like symptoms.

We think that with the official said. (Reuters, AFP)

no more cases," he said.

replied: "About 300."

N.Y. Air Traffic Center

By Matthew L. Wald

NEW YORK - A power fic control center that handles

sive delays, occurred May 19

contain a 1976 outbreak that took several hundred lives in just before 6 A.M., and it took York. nearly six hours until the center demic to recede. "I think that by the end of June there will be In its latest figures, the WHO

Newark airports.

said, scores of planes flying into the last few months.

the region had to be diverted to airports in Baltimore, Washington and Boston, and delays rippled through the air traffic system across the country for much of the day.
There were 37 planes in the

all flew safely to their destination. Experts said it was fortunate that the shutdown did not occur later in the day, when more planes would have been in

The center, in Ronkonkoma. New York, is responsible for keeping planes separated as they fly through the region and for directing them to their destination. It hands off long-distance planes to other centers: planes bound for the New York airports are handed off to another center in Westbury, New

Mr. Peña has previously complained that the FAA has been too slow to replace its equipment, some of which is 30 vears old, but the cause of the failure Thursday appeared to be-In addition, aviation officials a power system put in place in

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TRAVEL UPDATE

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The State Department has urged Americans in Pakistan to exercise caution and avoid situations where large crowds are present and the risk of mob violence might

Karachi to "exercise extreme caution," stay off the streets whenever possible and avoid situations that might lead to a protest; demonstration or other group action.

The State Department denied news reports it had urged Americans to leave Karachi by the end of May, but stressed that they should be careful about activities in public. More than 550 people

room caught fire in the Red Sea flew home to Germany from Sandi Arabia on Friday. The Albatros was towed into Jidda on Thursday after drifting in the Red Sea for more than a day without power or navigation.

The United States has begun granting visas to Palestinians on passports issued by the Palestinian self-rule authority in Gaza and

joint Egyptian-Palestinian contracting company to build the first civilian airport in the Gaza Strip, officials announced. (AFP)

A front-page article in Friday's editions about the dollar incorrectly characterized the number of Americans out of work. It shouldhave said that the number of Americans filing for unemployment benefits for the first time rose by 13,000 last week, to 380,000.

Berlusconi Aide Held in Slush Fund Probe

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

MILAN -- The managing director of the advertising arm of Silvio Berlusconi's Fininvest empire was arrested Friday in connection with a corruption inquiry into sports sponsorship.

The suspect, Marcello Dell'-Utri, was detained for questioning about allegations that Publitalia, Italy's largest advertising group, created huge slush funds from money officially earmarked for sports events, judicial sources said.

Mr. Berlusconi, the Italian prime minister until December. said the arrest was a political move by biased magistrates try-

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330 million lire (\$200,000) paid to officials of Italy's tax police who were auditing the books of his media companies. The president of Fininvest,

Fedele Confalonieri, attacked the inquiry into Publitalia's dealings. With the arrest of attacking his business." dealings. "With the arrest of Mr. Berlusconi himself Dell'Utri," he said in a statement, "the war of the magistrates against Fininvest continnes to grow. Their aim is to bring one of Italy's most important companies to its knees." The arrest of Mr. Dell'Utri

into large sums that Publitalia Milan's prosecutors want to has said were used to sponsor try him for a suspected bribe of powerboat and car races.

Sources said the magistrates were especially interested in invoices made out between 1991 and 1993 for 12 billion lire for sports sponsorship deals. They suspected most of the

money was reronted into secret In another development, Ru-

pert Murdoch said Friday that he wanted to buy Mr. Berlusconi's television interests but that he did not want Mr. Berlusconi as a partner. (Reuters, AP)

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15 Hurt as Arabs and Jews

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Passers-by began gathering,

radio broadcasts said.

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Clash With Police in Paris

from former French colonies in PARIS - At many as 15 North Africa. The man either people were injured when 250 refused to show his papers or Jewish and Arab residents of a did not have them, and the poworking class Paris neighbor- lice, shouting "dirty wog," hood clashed with policemen dragged him to a patrol car,

including a well-known local

EU May Step a Bit More Into Open BRUSSELS — European Union foreign ministers are expected to agree Monday to take a few more steps toward making the public more aware of the Union's often labyring the labyri

thine internal machinations.

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The move would be a victory for Denmark and Sweden.

Among other things, the ministers are expected to recommend that the Union televise more debates on key issues in the Council of Ministers — a proposal introduced by Denmark when it held the presidency of the Union's legislative body in early 1002 diplomats said Friday. body in early 1993.

But although the meeting will probably agree on measure to make the council's work less secretive, the outcome will fall far short of what the Nordic countries had hoped for.

Denmark and Sweden argue that less secrecy would make the Union more democratic and closer to its citizens. Those who oppose the proposals say the debates would simply take

East Bangs Again on West's Door KESZTHELY, Hungary — Presidents from Eastern Europe on Friday pressed their Western counterparts for speedy

European integration. The presidents of Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Slovenia won a sympathetic hearing from Western heads of state for their drive to join the European Union and NATO, but the presidents of Germany, Italy and Austria

could give only encouragement, not promises.

While EU membership dominated the first day of the two-day summit, some of the presidents also showed their support for the NATO air strikes on Serbian targets in Bosnia.

President Vaclay Havel of the Czech Republic said the issue was a challenge for the European values of democracy.
"This is not a regrettable little war but a great test for Europe to define its values and defend them," he said. (Reuters)

A Russia-Belarus Customs Union

MOSCOW - Russia and Belarus signed a customs union and removed border posts Friday between the two countries. a significant step in the slow economic reintegration of core

members of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Leaders of the 12 former Soviet nations that make up the lose commonwealth met Friday in Minsk, the Belarus capital for their Sections of the Commonwealth sections of tal, for their first summit meeting since Feb. 10. President Boris N. Yeltsin praised Russia's new relationship with Belarus as a model for the rest of the commonwealth and urged

those who say the organization is useless to be patient.

The Russian prime minister, Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, said that the customs treaty was a "breakthrough" after two and a half years of discussion and that Kazakhstan had confirmed its intention to join the customs union. Other Central Asian states — Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan — were also interested in joining, he said. (NYT)

weakened its precarious grip on power.

While nobody had expected victory for the governing party, the loss to Scottish Nationalists in what had long been a Conservative stronghold was by an overwhelming margin. Prime Minister John Major, with his party beset by internal squabbling and at its lowest level in opinion polls, described the Scottish result as "very disappointing."

The lost seat shaved Mr. Major's majority to 11 in the 651-

Conservatives Humbled in Scotland

LONDON - The Conservative Party licked its wounds on

Friday after defeat in a parliamentary by-election in Scotland

Power Failure Disrupts

seat House of Commons.

failure knocked out the air trafhigh-altitude flights in the New KINSHASA, Zaire -- Zaire's more deaths and equally more York area, blacking out radar screens and severing all radio links to some pilots. Tens of

we shall see more people recovering," he said.

Asked for his estimate of the thousands of people were delaved final death toll, Dr. Muyembe The shutdown Thursday was the air. the third major failure in seven David Heymann, a U.S. doctor from the WHO, was equally weeks at the control center, prompting Transportation Secretary Federico F. Peña to order cautious. "We're going to keep up active surveillance of the an investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration. Earlihe said. "We have no reason to er failures, also causing exten-

> and April 6. Thursday's shutdown began

could fully return to normal. Nearly 200 departures were delayed, for up to two hours, at Kennedy, La Guardia and

U.S. Cautions Americans in Pakistan 🗸

In a statement, the department urged American citizens in

have died in violence in Karachi so far this year. More than 500 passengers from a cruise liner whose engine

Jericho, a spokeswoman for the U.S. consulate in Jerusalem said

The Palestinian self-rule authority signed a deal Friday with a

Corrections

Because of an editing error, an article in Friday's Leisure pagesincorrectly spelled the name of Born, the town in the Netherlands where Mitsubishi will be making passenger cars.

Senate Spending-Cut Marathon Passes Finish Line

By Eric Pianin Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON — The Senate has approved a Republican budget plan that would dramatically reduced the size of the government and eliminate the deficit by the turn of the century while holding out the possibility of a modest tax cut down the road.

After 50 hours of highly partisan debate and two days of marathon votes on nearly 60 Republican and Democratic amendments, the Senate voted, 57 to 42, to approve the plan. Three Democrats — Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, Charles S. Robb of Virginia and Sam Nunn of Georgia — joined with all 54 Republicans to pass the measure. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski, Democrat of Maryland did not work. Maryland did not vote.

With passage of the budget Thursday, the Senate joins the House in an effort to change the size and scope of the federal government, change spending policy for every agency of the govern-ment and force major reforms in Medicare health insurance and other programs that con-sume more than half the entire federal budget.

While overall government spending would continue to grow, Republicans insist they can squeeze at least \$1 trillion out of the budget in the next seven years and move from a deficit to a

This marks the most ambitious attempt by Congress to try to balance the budget since the early 1980s, when a recession and huge Reagan administration tax cuts helped send the delicit soaring by hundreds of billions of dollars. Previous efforts to eliminate the deficit, including the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law of the mid-'80s, failed to work because Congress refused to make

The far-reaching proposals of the House and Senate Republicans represent the first step in a long process of shaping long-term budget policy before the start of the fiscal year Oct. 1.

The proposed budget resolutions provide a broad outline for Congress for how to eliminate the deficit by 2002, including specific program changes and cuts. But the budget resolution is not binding on other committees, which can cut spending and change or kill programs, provided they achieve targets for the savings contained in

Mr. Dole and other conservative Republicans corporations.

expressed disappointment that the budget plan, as finally approved, includes only \$170 billion of potential tax cuts. This is less than half the tax cuts contained in the House-passed budget and promised by the Republicans in their "Contract With America" political agenda last year that brought them control of both houses.

The White House chief of staff, Leon E. Panetta, said after the vote that while "we must balance the budget," the Senate budget is "a text-book example of the wrong way" to do it.

Both the House and Senate versions would order far-ranging reductions or eliminations of hundreds of federal agencies and programs; turn other programs, including Medicaid, back to the states in the form of block grants; and achieve overall savings of \$1 trillion or more over seven

Nearly half of the total savings would come at the expense of health care, income security and other programs for the poor, while spending for most other domestic and foreign aid programs

would experience significant reductions.

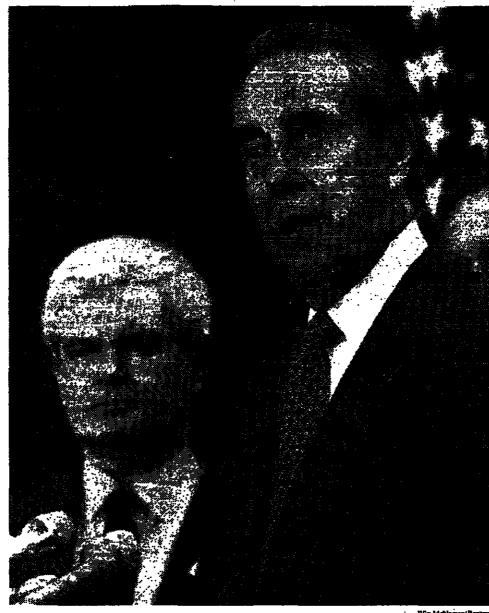
But the Senate budget blueprint differs from the House version in a number of significant ways, and the two chambers face potentially contentious negotiations early next month over spending levels for Medicare, Medicaid and the military as well as a proposed tax cut.

The House plan appears more Draconian and would eliminate three cabinet departments — Education, Energy and Commerce — while the Senate plan would target only Commerce. The House plan would require long-term savings of \$288 billion in the Medicare program for the elderly, compared with \$256 billion in the Senate plan. The House would also cut more in Medicaid insurance for the poor than the Senate.

Military spending would continue to decline slightly under the Senate plan, along the lines favored by the Clinton administration, but the more hawkish House would increase the military budget by \$46 billion over seven years.

The biggest difference is over tax cuts, an issue that looms as the most likely stumbling block to an agreement on a budget resolution.

The House-passed plan calls for \$354 billion of tax cuts over seven years, including a \$500-achild tax credit for most families, an expanded individual retirement account, a 50 percent reduction in the capital gains tax and generous tax breaks and write-offs for businesses and



Newt Gingrich and Bob Dole discussing the spending cuts just after the bill passed.

After Long Closed-Door Talks, 8th Simpson Juror Is Dismissed

LOS ANGELES — A 38year-old white female juror was forcing him to take the witness dismissed from the O. J. Simpson trial on Friday and replaced by a 71-year-old black woman, reducing the number of alternate jurors to four.

Judge Lance A. Ito said the court had found "good cause to replace juror No. 12." He had met for five hours behind closed doors with lawyers from both

Judge Ito gave no reason for removing the telephone company worker from the jury. According to news reports, she was writing a book on her expeniences as a juror and had igned a contract.

Her replacement is a retired housekeeper who, according to her jury questionnaire, left

school at the age of 16.

The loss of another juror of a mistrial. Juror No. 12 was the eighth panelist to be removed since the trial started. With the trial not yet at its halfway stage, legal analysts voiced concern there might not be enough jurors left to deliberate

by the time it ended. Simpson, and her friend Ron-skeptical of Mr. Simpson, a

Away From Politics

the terrorist explosion two years ago.

• A fountain has been unweiled in the shadows of the World Trade Center in memory of the six people who were killed in

◆ Thirteen people have been arrested for filing fraudulent flood and earthquake relief claims totaling more than \$111,000, a federal prosecutor in Los Angeles said. The group had sought relief for alleged property damage to cars, houses

and apartment buildings as a result of January's floods in the Los Angeles area and the 1994 Northridge quake. (AP)

• A fisherman who thought he had caught a weather buoy in his nets in Charleston, Oregon, instead hauled ashore a World

War II-era mine, causing the authorities to call in a bomb squad that said the explosives had long ago seeped out of the

• Alaskans are now permitted to own elephants, thanks to a bill passed by the state legislature and signed by the governor after owners of a carnival elephant named Moxie had been told by the state Fish and Game Department that it was

• Willie L. Turner, who had been scheduled for death six times in 15 years was executed by lethal injection in Jarratt, Virgin-

ia, after the courts rejected his argument that the repeated trips to the "death house" were unconstitutional. (AP)

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illegal to keep such an exotic animal in Alaska.

ment admitted because it gives his side of the story without stand to be examined by prosecutors. The lead prosecutor, Marcia Clark, called the defense bid a ruse to avoid having

■ The Kaelin Book Version David Margolick of The New York Times reported from Los

Mr. Simpson take the stand.

On the day after Mrs. Simpson and Mr. Goldman were killed, Mr. Simpson boasted to friends and to Brian (Kato) Kaelin that Mr. Kaelin could provide him with an alibi, according to a new book based on

interviews Mr. Kaelin gave before taking the stand in March. But the book, by a free-lance writer, Marc Eliot, says Mr. Kaelin knew he could not account for Mr. Simpson's whereabouts throughout the evening of June 12. Indeed, on several occasions, Mr. Eliot writes, Mr.

Kaelin told him that he believes Mr. Simpson is a murderer. The book, "Kato Kaelin: The Whole Truth," built around 16 hours of taped interviews, con-Judge Ito handed Mr. Simp-son's defense team a defeat Fri-dramatic deviations from Mr. day when he ruled they could not introduce the statement the defendant made to the police time with both Mr. Simpson the day after the murders of his and Mrs. Simpson, appears far former wife. Nicole Brown less protective and far more

Prosecutors may want to explore these elaborations further

> After the interviews, Mr. Kaelin and Mr. Eliot had a falling-out, and the \$545,000 that the publisher, HarperCollins, paid for the book went to Mr.

Mr. Kaelin, who, thanks to his centrality to the case, has gone from unemployment and a jalopy to fame and a Mercedes since the killings, is expected to seek a portion of that advance.

His published recollections

include an account of the morning of June 13, when he joined friends and relatives of Mr. Simpson in his home at 360 North Rockingham. Mr. Simpson, he recalled, sat glued to the television set, watching news reports of the killings.

When a reporter stated that Mr. Simpson could not account for his whereabouts at the time of the murder, he said Mr. Simpson declared: "That's not Meantime, prosecutors are true. Kato knows where I was!

weighing whether to recall Mr. Kato knows my alibi! Kato Kaclin to the witness stand. Went to McDonald's with me. And Kato knows I went back into the house after."

According to Mr. Eliot, Mr. Kaelin then related: "In my head I went, 'No, I never saw you go in the house after Mc-Donald's.' And I didn't. The last thing I remembered seeing before going into my room was O. J. standing by the driver's side of his Bentley. But now I could see everyone's face on me. In my head I was screaming to myself, 'What am I doing here?'

I was afraid for my life.

Mr. Fliot, whose other books include biographies of Bruce Springsteen and Walt Disney, described his former collaborator as a "master opportunist."

He said that his resolve to go forward with the project grew as he watched Mr. Kaelin "fandango his way through six days of testimony.

Like various other Simpson case authors, Mr. Eliot has pledged to donate a portion of the book's proceeds to the Simpsons' two young children, Justin and Sydney.

Senate Panel Recommends Foster

WASHINGTON - A Senate committee voted Friday to recommend that the Senate confirm Dr. Henry W. Foster Jr. as surgeon general. But the nomination still faces a threatened

filibuster and stannch opposition by abortion foes.
The 9-to-7 vote by the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee came after nearly four months of turbulence that began when Dr. Foster and his Clinton administration sponsors gave inaccurate accounts of his abortion record.

The obstetrician-gynecologist must still overcome Senator Phil Gramm's threat of a filibuster and the reluctance of Bob Dole, the majority leader, to bring the nomination to a floor vote. Mr. Dole and Mr. Gramm are rivals for the Republican Party's 1996 presidential nomination.

For Dr. Foster, whose nomination has been called dead more than once, it was a triumph against the odds in a highly charged partisan climate. Some Republican senators said Friday that they still had grave reservations about the nomi-

Perot Group Sets Big-Time Debate

WASHINGTON - Ross Perot has announced plans for what could become the first major debate of the 1996 campaign, inviting President Bill Clinton; Newt Gingrich, the House speaker, and Bob Dole, the majority leader, to attend his organization's meeting in August.

The purpose of the Dallas gathering of United We Stand America is to establish a set of president and principles for

America is to establish a set of priorities and principles for measuring candidates in 1996, said the group's executive director, Russ Verney. But lurking in the background is the question of Mr. Perot's own political future and the issue of whether United We Stand should attempt to form a third

party.

Mr. Dole has accepted the invitation and officials of his presidential campaign see it as a rare opportunity to appear opposite the president. A Perot official said Mr. Gingrich has accepted, but his spokesman said the meeting had not been added to his official calendar. Mr. Clinton has not responded, but White House officials said the invitation is under consid-

'No Comment' on Gingrich Book

WASHINGTON — HarperCollins plans to start printing a book by the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, after the ethics committee said it would not be commenting on the propriety of his controversial contract with the publisher, Mr. Gingrich's attorney said.

The attorney, Jan W. Baran, said the committee informed him that Mr. Gingrich "will not be receiving approval or disapproval" to sign the contract, which prompted one of the

"They are not commenting on this contract and are not giving any instruction," Mr. Baran said of the ethics panel, known formally as the Committee on Standards of Official

Mr. Baran declined to say whether the committee said its silence on the issue meant it approved of the book deal. The lawyer did say that he had consulted with the committee as late as Wednesday night, when the panel's five Republicans and five Democrats held their second of two closed-door sessions this week.

Mr. Baran said HarperCollins would not start printing the book until Mr. Gingrich signed his contract, which Mr. Baran advised him to do late Thursday.

Quote / Unquote

David E. Bonior of Michigan, the Democratic whip, on a planned book tour by Newt Gingrich, the House speaker: "At a time when the American taxpayers will be paying his salary, Mr. Gingrich is going to be on the road promoting a book that will make him a multimillionaire. Instead of doing the people's business, Mr. Gingrich is going to be out promoting

2d Fence-Jumper Is Seized On White House Grounds

viduals.

WASHINGTON — Three days after a man with a gun scaled a White House fence, an unarmed man climbed over a fence Friday morning and was immediately taken into custody by the Secret Service.

A Secret Service spokesman, Mike Tarr, identified the man as Andrew Meig Jopling and said that he had scaled the 10foot-tall (3-meter) fence along East Executive Avenue directly in front of the East Wing entrance.

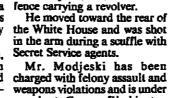
Mr. Jopling crossed the fence in an area where people line up for White House tours and where agents are a regular pres-

He was handcuffed and de-tained for questioning.

"We will bring these circum-stances to the U.S. attorney to determine what charges will be filed," Mr. Tarr said

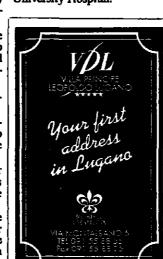
Between 1989 and November 1994, there were 23 incidents involving people scaling the White House fence.

According to a White House security report released earlier this month, many of these "fence jumpers" have been pranksters, peaceful protesters



Late Tuesday night, Leland W. Modjeski, 37, scaled the

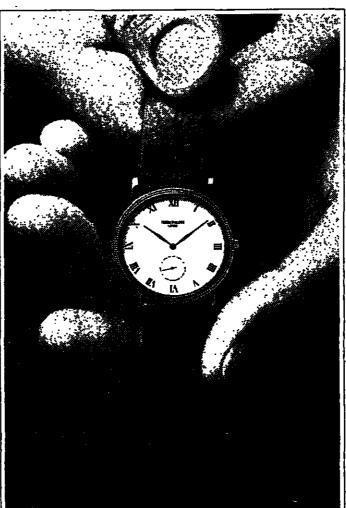
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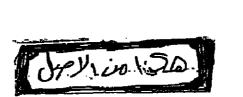


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A Georgia County Snubs 1996 Somali Olympians

People taking shelter from the Serbs' shelling of Sarajevo on Friday after NATO warplanes attacked again.

commanders. But the thrust of

NATO activity Friday re-

mained in the Pale area, about

14 kilometers (9 miles) south-

BOSNLA: Serbs Leave UN Monitors Shackled at Arms Depot After Raids

man, said possible targets in the the ammunition depot were all

Tuzla area were being reviewed by NATO and United Nations said six others in Pale appeared

in Lukavica.

to have been detained and four

In addition, about 100 main-

officials said.

The weapons-collection de-

pois were created in February

1994, when all heavy weapons

within a 20-kilometer radius of

Sarievo were banned. The ban,

backed by a NATO ultimatum,

adually eroded as Safalevo

It was an attempt to re-estab-

that led to an ultimatum issued

ry, the defense secretary, left no

doubt Friday that he believed the use of military force should

be sustained until the Serbs

stopped shelling Sarajevo and

"The actions that are under-

trying to stop them."

Yeltsin Promises Help

Steven Erlanger of The New York Times reported from Mos-

President Boris N. Yeltsin of

Russia, responding to Europe-

an calls for Moscow's help in

settling the latest crisis in Bos-

nia, said he would do his best.

provided that NATO stopped

air strikes against Russia's Ser-

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of

where he was attending a sum-

mit meeting of the Common-

wealth of Independent States.

Mr. Yeltsin "expressed dis-

satisfaction" that NATO's deci-

sion to strike at Bosnian Serbi-

bian friends.

sank back into violence and ter-

ly French UN soldiers have

been surrounded at four UN

By Jere Longman New York Times Service

WINDER, Georgia - As Atlanta prepares to open its arms to the world for the 1996 Summer Olympic Games, that welcome has become a cold shoulder in the rolling hills of northeastern Georgia.

Barrow County yanked away the welcome mat this week when the rural county's chamber of commerce voted to rebuff athletes from Somalia who had hoped to train at a local high school track before the centennial Games.

Reluctance to spend public money was the official reason given in a 13-2 secret vote against accommodating 17 track athletes and eight officials from the East African nation. Most of the Somali athletes are scattered in the United States, Canada, Kenya and elsewhere, refugees from the civil war.

But a more inflammatory and emotional issue was lingering revulsion over the body of an American serviceman being dragged through the streets of Mogadishu during the U.S. peacekeeping mission that began in 1992.

"People don't think we should bring them here and feed them after that," said H. T. Sells, the owner of H's Grill in downtown Winder.

Residents who welcomed the Somalis expressed dismay over yet another intrusion of politics into the Olympics, and said they regretted that athletes were being held responsible for the brutality of warring factions.

The snub of the Somalis also raised questions about whether intolerance and mistrust would continue to confront the New South as it attempts to make 10,000 athletes from 200 countries feel safe and welcome.

Last year, the site for Olympic volleyball was moved out of Cobb County after it passed an anti-gay ordinance. Now that Barrow County has turned its back, some of its residents are concerned that Georgia might appear to be inhospitable, intolerant and narrow-minded.

"We're judging people on emotion, not on fact," said Janice Cater, one of two members of the Barrow County chamber board who voted to welcome : Spiralis, "I love Georgia.

fighting the Civil War." The Somalis, stung by the rejection, are expected to sign an

three weeks next summer in pics can't provide that, it's not Gordon County northwest of worth it."

ever done anything to Amerinortheast of Atlanta. A month cans, and pretty soon you're out later, the deal was dead.

Atlanta, Several communities

"This is not an intolerant."

Meredith Cartmill, executive Gordon County northwest of have offered support. Olympic

officials said. But there are more urgent concerns. Somalia has no government, no money in its Olympic budget and no certain prospects for raising the more than \$135,000 needed to bring its

delegation to Atlanta.
"If anybody needs help, it's Somalia," said Omar Shekhey, an attaché to the Somali Olympic Committee in Atlanta. "We have experienced war, hunger and poverty. We have no money, only spirit. We don't want our athletes harassed. We want them to have the physical and emotional advantages of a lov-ing environment. If the Olym-

"This is not an intolerant place," said Bob Brennan, a spokesman for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games. "We have no more intolerance than any other part of

But Anita DeFrantz, one of two IOC members from the United States, said the Barrow and Cobb episodes "were sad commentaries on people who live in those communities." "But the Games will go on."

she added, "and those two communities will be the lesser for their disdain.' "You exclude Somalia, Ger-

manager of the Georgia Olympic Training Alliance, which matches Olympic teams with training sites around the state.

Athletes from 50 to 60 countries are expected to train in Georgia in the weeks and months prior to the Olympics. which run from July 19 to Aug. 4, 1996. Eighty communities have expressed interest in providing facilities for foreign athletes, who will arrive early to get acclimated to Georgia's wilting heat and humidity.

In April, the Somalis said they would welcome the chance to train at the running track at abused corpse was first sent by Winder-Barrow High School, in fax to the chamber, then the many, Japan, anyone who's an agricultural area 40 miles actual photograph was sent.

director of the Barrow County Chamber of Commerce, said that locals were loathe to spend \$18,000 in public money to house, feed and transport the Somalis. Kim Goff, however, said that no public money would have been involved. And it is clear, from interviews and letters to the editor, that many people here cannot reconcile the presence of Olympic athletes with disgust over warring Somalis who violated the corpse of an American serviceman.

The picture of the soldier's

know who forwarded both the fax and the picture. But this emotional tinder soon became a brushfire in this city of 7,000.

Four dozen citizens registered complaints by telephone and mail, and the pictures were passed around at a chamber meeting in mid-May. Security concerns were raised even by those unopposed to the Somalis. On Monday, the athletes were told they were not wel-

"Our soldiers were willing to risk their lives for these people, and we won't even invite them into our county," said Cindy Phillips, the other chamber member who voted to accommodate the Somalis. "It doesn't make sense.

POLICY: High-Risk Road

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why President Bill Clinton so energetically backed a policy that has cost lives and appar-ently achieved little. The pur-suit of force, however — justified by UN resolutions and ultimatums, as well as by the carnage in the "safe area" of Tuzla -- would probably need to be prolonged to produce results. Such results would almost certainly not be achieved without the sacrifice of UN soldiers.

What was clear Friday was that a return to the former status quo was almost impossible. Fred Eckhard, the chief UN spokesman, said the adoption of the current aggressive policy came after "our position as peacekeepers became untenable." UN soldiers in Bosnia have been repeatedly humiliated and regularly killed in recent months while the prospects of peace have steadily faded.

As a result, Mr. Eckhard said, "this admittedly risky strategy was adopted in an attempt to get the two sides to get serious bout the peace process again.

He went on to concede, however, that "events could evolve in a way that would result in a decision to withdraw the peacekeeping force."

In other words, faced by re-Sarajevo area. Mines have been peated humiliation, and pushed placed to prevent them leaving. by the United States, the UN Canadian soldiers north of decided to gamble on use of the Sarajevo, Malaysian forces force allowed by its mandate south of the Bosnian capital. but repeatedly shunned in the and British forces in the eastern past by its military commanders. "Let's face it," a senior mili-Bosnian enclave of Gorazde have also been attacked or tary official said Friday, "we'd threatened by the Serbs, UN

Now, however, if the Serbs again call the UN's bluff, the alternative option of withdrawal — one strongly contested by the United States — looks hard

Withdrawal would, of course, worked well for a while, but was patch of more than 20,000 American soldiers. But it would also open the way for foreign lish UN authority in Sarajevo policy backed by a credible threat of force. Such a real exerby General Smith on Wednes-day and then to the NATO impossible so long as UN soldiers can be chained to ammu-The United States has nition depots in the line of strongly backed the tougher UN stance, and William J. Per-

TOURISTS: Troubling Order

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way now do entail risks," Mr. Jews had been encouraged to visit Germany.

Perry said. "In my judgment, the risks of allowing the shelling The existence of the docuof the cities to continue are ment, however, was a major emmuch greater than the risks of barrassment for the government, particularly since the tourism office has acquired a -- ROGER COHEN reputation for controversy and

npropriety.
[The government said Friday that it was appalled by the directive, Reuters reported. A spokesman for Economics Minister Günter Rexrodt, who has responsibility for the tourism office, said the minister had ordered an immediate investiga-

This week, the office's assets were attached by a New York state court in connection with a \$3.5-million sexual harassment Germany and Prime Minister John Major of Britain called Mr. Yeltsin in Minsk, Belarus, suit brought last year by an em-ployee, Monique Schlein. Another employee, Christa Willi-bald, has brought a \$1 million racial discrimination suit.

And another employee, Elke Berg, was dismissed this month for translating an article by her husband that called the Holoan targets had taken place caust an "absurd story."

without consulting Russia. Henning Schreiber, who was Nevertheless, according to the director of the office at the statement, he told Mr. Kohl time, was recalled to Frankfurt time, was recalled to Frankfurt and Mr. Major that he would following the complaints of racial and sexual harassment. The do his best to stop the lighting lawsuits together seek almost in Bosnia, provided that there \$15 million

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AMERICAN TOPICS

Please Don't Hang Noodles on My Ears

If you invite a Russian friend to the opera and he politely declines, explaining that an elephant stepped on his ear, he simply means he is tone deaf.

Unless of course he's hanging noodles on your ears, an idiom that translates into English as not telling the truth.

The new Random House Russian-English Dictionary of Idioms, released this month, is said to be the first of its kind. The author, Sophia Lubensky, spent 13 years compiling more than 13,000 idioms over 1.044

pages.
She included equivalent English idioms — especially helpful for translators and grammatical information necessary to use the idioms correctly in Russian.

It also is nice to know whether using a particular idiom will make you sound sophisticated, scholarly or simply vulgar, and the dictionary has this information as well

The U.S. government apparently considered the ref-erence book important. More than \$283,000 for the project came from a school for military intelligence offi-

"When I began the dictionary, the Soviet Union was enemy No. 1. and you have to know your enemy," said Ms. Lubensky, who was born in Russia and emigrated from the Soviet Union in

When it comes to idioms,

she "ate the dog," which means she knows her stuff.

Short Takes

Do identical twin zebras have identical stripes? "To the naked eye, looking at the twins, it might be hard to find variability, but they aren't going to be identical, says Karen Killmar, an associate curator of mammals at the San Diego Zoo. Even though the zebra twins start out with identical genes, environmental variations within the womb would lead to some minute differences in striping patterns.

Elizabeth Hurley, the new face of Estee Lauder cosmetics and the long-standing girlfriend of the actor Hugh Grant, thinks little of Hollywood, according to an interview in the British magazine Woman's Own. "I thought 70 percent of the people I met were idiots," she said. "Half of those were fools and the other half were vile. They'll take phone calls while you're in the room and are just horrendous. The other 30 percent are nice, though."

Mike Pixley can work up a sweat just by sitting down on the job. A senior in aeronautical engineering at the University of Michigan, Mr. Pixley, 20, gets \$6 an hour to test chairs at La-Z Boy Chair Co. of Monroe, Michigan. He sits down, leans back and then relaxes forward. All day long. "I think a lot of people think it's easier than it actually is," he says. During the summer of 1993 he lost 18 pounds (8 kilo-grams). "You can work up a sweat," he adds, and his calf and abdominal muscles get a workout. He averages about 2,800 deep rocks a day.

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in only one or a few bases are.

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other DNA segment sampled

from many people around the

world (a form called mitochon-

drial DNA, which is inherited

only through the mother's side)

led scientists in the 1980s to

conclude that the original form

of that DNA probably existed

200,000 years ago. Moreover,

the family trees indicated that

the woman who possessed that

differ in more bases.

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MONKEY BUSINESS: Adam?

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species, that everybody is related to a common ancestor who didn't live all that long ago, at least not in the evolutionary sense," said Robert L. Dorit, a Yale University researcher who, with colleagues, published the findings in Friday's issue of

the journal Science. "What's striking about our finding," said Walter Gilbert of Harvard University, a collaborator, "is that when we looked at all these guys, we didn't find any differences. If our species had evolved much earlier, you wouldn't find that. You'd ex-

pect differences." The Y chromosome is one of the two sex-determining chromosomes. It normally exists

only in the cells of males. The researchers did not exbe messy and cumbersome, and amine the entire Y chromoences in some places. Instead, they focused on one small segment containing 729 bases, or letters, of genetic sequence. The segment is an "intron," a length of supposed genetic gibberish that lies within a gene but plays no known role in the gene's

> "We figured that if we looked at this intron in a wide sample of men, we'd see some differences and we could use those to construct a family tree and estimate when the common ancestor lived," Mr. Dorit said.

The method is similar to one that led to the "Eve" hypothesis and relies on the belief that key forms of DNA mutate at rela- the human pattern.

DNA was an African. The "Eve" hypothesis was controversial from the start and many researchers withheld judgment pending confirmation from other DNA studies. Mr. Dorit. Mr. Gilbert and

Hiroshi Akashi of the Univers ty of Chicago sought to provide that by looking at the male side of the family tree. To their surprise, they found no differences, even though they checked the DNA of men from every major racial and geo-

graphic region. This made it impossible to say where the ancestral population lived. But they were able to estimate how long such a se-quence could have been in existence without undergoing any. mutation. They did this by checking the same DNA segment in chimpanzees, gorillas and orangutans and counting the number of differences from

DOLLAR: A Roller-Coaster Week:

Continued from Page 1 Japanese companies then cut short the currency raily at around 85 yen.

Mr. Leven expects this kind of tail-chasing to continue for much of this year until the U.S. economic pause decreases the trade deficit and slows the increase in the supply of nuwant-ed dollars abroad.

He expects this to be followed by an economic revival that pushes interest rates back up in a second leg, a traditional Fed pattern. Thereupon, Europe's big institutional bond

buyers will return to New York, he said, "and that's when the dollar will shoot back up against the Deutsche mark."

■ Europe Stock Indexes Fall Leading European stock indexes dropped as much as 2 percent as the phinging dollar, threatened exporters earnings, and dragged down bonds.

Bloomberg Business News reported from London. Falling U.S. Treasury bond.

prices also dragged down most European bonds, though Swiss franc and Deutsche mark strength underpinned German and Swiss bonds.

Judge Criticizes 'Life' Terms He Had to Give Police in Sting

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON -- A feder-

judge said that he has no choice but to impose what will amount to life sentences on three former Washington, D.C., policemen who accepted \$2,000 bribes in an FBI sting, although he considers the penalty "hor-rific," "unfair" and "tragic."

Each of the policemen, convicted in November of taking money from an undercover FBI agent to escort cocaine shipments out of the city, faces 49 to 55 years in prison without the possibility of parole.

Shaking his head repeatedly during an hourlong explanation of his decision, Judge Thomas

terms on John C. Harmon, 26, Troy Taylor, 26, and Dwayne Washington, 29. Sentencing is scheduled for June 21.

"The court makes these findings with reluctance and regret, because it does not believe that. the sentencing range equates with the wrongness of the de-feadants' actions," Judge Hogan said as relatives of the three listened impassively. "That's a... terrible consequence for a ... \$2,000 bribe."

Before their trial last fail, the three defendants were urged by. ". Judge Hogan to accept plea bargains, as did nine others caught in the sting, and were F. Hogan of U.S. District Court warned about the consequences said federal sentencing guide of the sentencing guide lines required him to impose the they were convicted. of the sentencing guidelines if

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east of Sarajevo. been killed. The three UN officers held at weapons-collection sites in the Mr. Eckhard, the UN spokesagreement soon to train for

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General Ratko Miadic, the

commander of the Bosnian

Serbs, as a retort to NATO's

attack on the Pale area on

Thursday, in which, he said, several Serbian children had

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 By Steven Mufson Washington Past Service

BEIJING - China contintied its two-track policy toward.

Taiwan on Friday by pressing harder for Taiwan's diplomatic

U.S. decision to grant a visa to
Taiwan's president, Lee Tenghui, to enable Mr. Lee to attend
a reunion at his alma mater,
Cornell University in Vitania and the state of th Taiwan's president, Lee Teng-hui, to enable Mr. Lee to attend a reunion at his alma mater, Cornell University in Ithaca

At the same time, however, isolation while simultaneously. China's top negotiator with trying to draw the island closer. Taiwan arrived in Taipei and to the mainland economically. offered reassurance on protection for Taiwanese business in by its defense minister, Chi terests after the return of Hong Francian in realisation for the Kong to Chinese coversions. haotian in retaliation for the Kong to Chinese sovereignty in

Taiwan into Beijing's embrace. The background of churning

domestic politics in both Taiwan and China makes the issue particularly volatile. Taiwan,

for reunification.

The postponement of Mr. Chi's visit strikes at the military been the strongest part of the presidential elections early next Chi had planned to visit the

The two-track strategy seems eager to make its own mark in ment of State Department offidesigned to both push and pull foreign policy and stand firm cials, Mr. Perry received a warm The postponement of Mr.

Chi's visit was the third meaexchanges that have recently sure China had taken in reaction to the granting of a visa to heading into its first democratic U.S.-China relationship. Mr. Mr. Lee. It previously canceled the May 30-31 visit to the United States of a state councilor. Li Guixian. On Tuesday, it recalled its air force commander. Yu Zhenwu, cutting short by four days a scheduled 11-day visit to the United States.

■ Trade Privilege Renewal

President Bill Clinton is likely to renew China's trade privileges and said Friday that he not happened, there's no one talking about it in opposed efforts in Congress to official circles - or unofficial circles." (Reuters) revive his old policy of linking Beijing's human rights policies to the trade issue. Reuters reported.

"I haven'ı made a decision on that yet," Mr. Clinton said to reporters when asked about trade with China. But he went out of his way to oppose efforts in Congress to revive the policy of linking the annual waiver on tariffs for Chinese imports to improvements in human rights

"We should continue to press China on the human rights issues, but I don't believe that singling China" on its trade status "is necessarily the best way to do it," he said.

The national security adviser W. Anthony Lake, said in an interview Thursday, "I would anticipate a renewal" of mostfavored-nation status by Mr. Clinton before it expires on

BRIEFLY ASIA

U.S. Bars Taiwan Purchase Of F-16s in Pakistan Order WASHINGTON - The United States, re-

versing an earlier statement, has ruled out the possibility of allowing Taiwan to buy F-16 jet fighters paid for by Pakistan but never delivered.

"The Clinton administration is not considering the sale to Taiwan of the F-16s purchased by Pakistan" of the F-16s purchased by Pakistan " said blinkeles Purchased by Pakistan".

Pakistan," said Nicholas Burns, the State Department spokesman. "The administration does not believe that the sale of additional F-16s to Taiwan above the 150 already on order is necessary to meet Taiwan's legitimate defense needs." Senator Larry Presser, Republican of South Dakota, had proposed that the 28 planes -

withheld because of Pakistan's nuclear program and now in storage in Arizona — be sold to Taiwan and the Philippines, with the proceeds used to reimburse Islamabad. Earlier this week, Mr. Burns did not reject the suggestion out of hand. On Thursday, however. he said he had since talked to "the people in this building who are responsible for this issue" and that a sale to Pakistan "is not in the cards, it has

Canberra Bugged Chinese For U.S., Network Asserts

SYDNEY - Australia slipped eavesdropping devices into the Chinese Embassy as part of a U.S.-led spying effort, Australian Broadcasting Corp. television said Friday. The devices were installed in the late 1980s, during the construction of the embassy in Canberra, by the Austra-lian Security Intelligence Organization, the network said. The embassy opened in 1990.

The bugs transmitted to a receiver at the rear

of the nearby British High Commission and relayed information to the U.S. National Security Agency, the report said. The United States kept control of the intelligence gathered, giving Australia information as it felt it was justified, the network said.

No one was available for comment at the U.S. passed in 1975.

Embassy in Canberra late Friday. The Chinese Embassy had no comment. At CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia, outside Washington, a Central Intelligence Agency spokesman declined

British Minister Praises Jakarta on Human Rights

JAKARTA - The situation of human rights in Indonesia has improved, a British cabinet minister said Friday. "We must give credit," said Lady Chalker,

minister of state for foreign and commonwealth affairs, on a visit here. "Human rights may have not yet improved to a level that you want, but they are improving," she said. Lady Chalker said citizens have been

framework of the constitution. She also signed an agreement to provide an £80 million (\$120 million) concessional loan to finance infrastructure development.

allowed to express their political rights within the

For the Record

A Northwest Airlines jumbo jet carrying 395 people punctured all eight tires on one side when landing Friday at Tokyo's Narita Airport but came to a halt safely, an airline official said There were no injuries among the 378 passengers and 17 crew members aboard.

A British journalist for the Sunday Times of London said Friday he was thrown out of China after being detained and held incommunicado for more than 13 hours. Nick Rufford, Hong Kong-based Far East correspondent for the newspaper, said he had entered China on a tourist visa. China requires foreign journalists to seek official permission for each trip and provide the official Xinhua press agency with details of their reporting plans.

Singapore hanged four men — two Malay-sians, a Nigerian and a Singaporean —on Friday for heroin trafficking, a statement from the Central Narcotics Bureau said. Singapore has now hanged 117 people since its strict drug laws were

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Ramos Victory in Philippines Election Also Brings a Generational Change

By Keith B. Richburg Washington Post Service

MANILA — The votes are still being tallied, accusations of fraud have been made, and about 100,000 people still have not been to the polls. But the Philippines' latest, messy exercise in democracy is being viewed as a decisive victory for President Fidel V. Ramos, his stewardship and his ambitious agenda to reform the Philippine cooromy.

The elections May 8 were for 12 Senate seats, all 200 in the House of Representatives, and the sands of local offices. With more than 90 percent of the votes in, candidates in Mr. Ramos's condition seem set to win nine of the Senate apparent victory shows his continuing influence, scats and a vast majority in the House.

That result virtually ensures passage for the administration's economic program, including the continued deregulation of industry and the breakup of entrenched monopolies. The results also seem to signal a generational

change in Philippine politics, with some political veterans tossed out or struggling to keep their

A younger generation of voters seemed to favor relative novices who have made their names as economists, technocrats, businessmen or competent managers of government departments since the fall of Ferdinand E. Marcos.

Leading the field of candidates for the 24-member Senate are Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, an economist; Rani Roco, a lawyer, Ramon Magsaysay Jr., son of a popular former president: Franklin Drilon, a former justice secretary. and Juan Flavier, the former health secretary who drew the ire of the Roman Catholic Church because of his advocacy of birth control and family planning.

None of the five was involved in politics until well after the 1986 revolt that ousted Mr. Marcos and restored American-style democracy.

Also certain to win Senate seats are Miriam Defensor-Santiago, the former immigration chief who nearly beat Mr. Ramos for the presidency in 1992, and a former army colonel, Gretry to block the official announcement of the gorio Honasan, best known as the leader of a mutinous military faction that led two coup attempts against the then-president, Corazon C. Aquino, in the late 1980s.

ciarinood. Mr. Honasan's emergence as a mema few thousand votes.

ber of the Senate might be considered a bit bizarre, considering that just a few years ago he was a fugitive whose last bloody power grab, in December 1989, left more than a hundred people dead, mostly civilians.

BUCKET OF BLESSINGS — A Buddhist monk spraying devotees with water from flowers dipped in a pail Friday near Battambang, Cambodia. A group of the monks and followers are on a peace march across the country.

> But since his return from hiding under a government amnesty, Mr. Honasan has reinvented himself as the consummate anti-politician who used the coup merely as a form of protest. Now some analysts say that having the renegade colonel in the Senate may be a boost for the country's

> Randy David, a sociology professor at the University of the Philippines and a frequent television political analyst, said Mr. Honasan's particularly in the armed forces and the national

"In the event of a crisis, the coup option remains a meaningful option. Mr. David sai "Therefore, Honasan representing coup leaders of the past in the legislature, if you look at it in the long term, is a politically stabilizing

By contrast, some veteran Philippine politicians seemed likely to lose the election, or place poorly, underscoring the popular desire for

Ramon Mitra, a political stalwart who was a cabinet minister and House speaker during the Aquino administration, was in 13th place, one spot shy of election.

Also trailing were Aquilino Pimentel, another former Aquino cabinet aide and Marcos foe, and Arturo Tolentino, who, in his 80s, is considered the grand old man of Philippine politics.

Even Juan Ponce Enrile, the wealthy former defense minister, senator and congressman with one of the best-known names in politics and the best-financed campaign, was mired in last place in the Senate race.

The commission on elections stopped its glacially slow counting Thursday to hear com-plaints of cheating that have tainted the results and have prompted several losing candidates to

Elections still have to be held in several towns on Mindanao, where voting was canceled because of violence. The results from a special Analysts said the two, in different ways, man-aged to tap into the anti-incumbent, anti-politi-for the bottom few candidates, separated only by

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Sri Lankan Rebels Kill 42 Villagers, Sparking Fears of New Tactic in War

killed 42 people at a fishing village Friday in an attack that indicated the Liberation Tigers was the first major assault on of Tamil Eclam may once again civilians since 1992, when 166 Lankan military said.

in Terms

Between 150 and 200 rebels opened fire on Kallarawa, an dren were among the dead at eastern village of about 65 Sin-Kallarawa, north of the port of halese families. It was the first Trincomalee. The rebels also major attack on civilians in burned the victims' huts, Brigathree years, said a military dier Munasinghe said. spokesman, Brigadier Sarath
Munasinghe.

Meanwhile, he said, about 65
Mean

kilometers (40 miles) to the he said. Earlier reports said the south, gunmen killed a Bud- soldiers had gone into the jundhist priest who was a longtime gle on Thursday night searching critic of the rebels. He added for rebels and had not returned. that the priest had been threat- Asked whether the Tigers

for the mostly Hindu Tamils.

They began attacking Muslims killed 27 soldiers on Tuesday. and Sinhalese, who are mostly and on Wednesday rebels fired Buddhist, in 1990.

But they had stopped attack- women and two soldiers. ing civilians in the last few years The Buddhist priest who was killed since the talks ended.

be targeting civilians, the Sri Muslims were shot or hacked to death. Twelve women and six chil-

ened by the Tigers for years.

The Tigers have been fighting and renewing attacks on civilians, the spokesman said: "We arate state in the north and east are seeing a change in attitude." on a crowded bus, killing three

Renters to concentrate instead on Sri killed, Kithalagama Siri Seela-COLOMBO — Tamil rebels Lankan politicians and army lankara, had left his usual 10man police escort behind for a short drive to his temple's fruit and vegetable farm, Brigadier Munasinghe said.

When the priest's pick-up turned into the farm entrance, the gummen opened fire, killing him and his driver.

Brigadier Munasinghe said it was too early to say that the Tigers were responsible, but he noted that the priest had been threatened by the rebels for nine years. A 14-week truce in the war

ended last month, when peace talks collapsed. The Tigers then sank two navy patrol boats and shot down two army transport planes in the north. President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga early this week vowed to use "any means" to restore peace to Sri Lanka

planned a major offensive against the Tigers. At least 500 people have been

and said the government

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By Joan Dupont International Herald Tribune

but China's most famous di-

rector doesn't have his mind on

vanities. "Shanghai Triad"

Prize at Cannes last year),

add to his troubles, after seven

years of collaboration, his star

Malaysian tobacco merchant.

Gong Li, heroine of all Zhang's films — the suffering concubine of "Raise The Red

Lantern," the peasant in "The Story of Qui Ju" — sings and

dances for the first time in

cabaret singer and mistress to

critics complained that when

Li Baotian, to his mistress, Jew-

dancers. Jewels flaunts her

il, but then she changes - her

humanity emerges, says Zhang, "Shanghai in the '30s

Zhang. "Shanghai in the '30s was Westernized, the songs

Jewels sings, the costumes she

Westernized, but that's just su-

perficial. His behavior is ac-

hually very Chinese: he exe-

cutes his enemies, saying.

'Bury them alive.' This is very

The story is seen through the

'There's the contrast be-

eyes of the boy, played by Wang Xiao Xiao, who serves

Chinese. Very cruel."

the capricious singer.

'She starts out as a real dev-

els, played by Gong Li.

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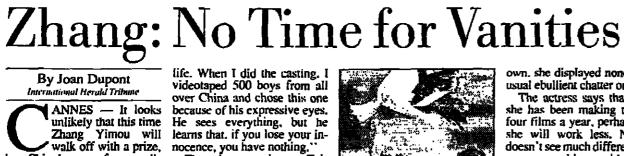
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CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

Zhang has never been to Taiwan, but he keeps up with the cinema of Hou Hsiao-hsien, anwas held up six months because other great Asian filmmaker, a of the director's problems with director who makes his movies "To Live" (winner of the Jury exactly as he pleases and doesn't care about penetrating which is banned in China. To foreign markets or even pleasing the home market. "Good Men, Good Women," a story and companion Gong Li left set in three different periods, him during the shooting for a from the White Terror of the from the White Terror of the '40s to today, is in competition; the complex construction be-

wildered festival audiences. "I can identify with his films because things like that hap-pened in China under the Japanese," Zhang says. "I like "Shanghai Triad," starring as a Hou's films very much; I'm moved by them, and by the way he controls the atmosphere. But She appeared by her direc- he is an auteur, I am a popular tor's side briefly for the press filmmaker, I like showing comconference; afterwards, they plexity through a simple story

gave separate interviews.

To Western eyes, "Shanghai Triad." with its elegant '30s sets trendy Hong Kong filmmakers like Wang Karawei Express") a gangster movie and certain ("Chungkung whose films have been disthey go to see a Zhang Yimou tributed abroad. "I like his cin-film, they want the folklore. tributed abroad. "I like his cin-ema, too," Zhang says. "It's 'The film is on Beijing to- another take on the urban scene. day," the director says, "on the It interests me that in three Chifight for money and power. We nese societies — Taiwan, Hong show a money-obsessed society. Kong and mainland China — We didn't want to do a Chinese
Godfather movie." In fact, he
reworked the script to move the
focus from the Boss, played by

We didn't want to do a Chinese
we tell our stories in different
ways, with different pacing.
Hong Kong is the fastest; Beijing is medium fast." we tell our stories in different

Zhang only sees Western films on cassette without sub-The movie opens on a titles. "I don't have much concabaret scene with high-kicking tact with Western filmmakers, I don't speak English or French. But movies like 'The Fugitive' are making inroads on our screens and, for a while, I think American films will take over.' A new ruling allows only 10 foreign movies a year, main-stream movies. "We filmmakwears, and the Boss look very ers worry; our main concern is to maintain the life of Chinese cin-

The director knows that he is treading on shifting sands. "To Live" might very well have locations, avoiding confrontabeen his last movie. He does not tion. But Chen stopped producexpect censorship problems on tion on his film so that Gong Li "Shanghai Triad," which is a could accompany "Shanghai completely controlled by Shanghai Studios. The director, says. "He and Jewels are out-negotiate each film with the cen-



Sharon Stone tossing a

bouquet to fans at Cannes. "In China, you have to have several projects in the works." he says. "It's not what you want to film, it's what you are allowed to film that counts. So you have to be prepared. It's hard to film a political subject in China today, but there are

other subjects. Zhang and Chen Kaige, who directed Gong Li in "Farewell My Concubine" (which won the 1993 Golden Palm for best film) have been friends - and competitors — since the Beijing Film Academy. The award-winning directors cover the same territory, and often end up using the same periods and similar material.

Zhang has an epic in the works, "The First Empress," backed by a French company, on condition that Gong Li stars, which is not at all sure now. The actress has just been on the set in Chen's "Shadow of a Flower," a film that takes place in Shanghai during the '20s. Both directors scouted then shied away from specific Shanghai

French coproduction, but was Triad" to the festival. For years now, Gong Li has appeared at Cannes and Venice, tween the country boy and his sumptuous surroundings," he to go on working there, has to away. Thursday, a tear showed when she was asked if she would siders, they cross paths like me-sors; he works fast, using as work again with the man she teors in the sky, but the boy will many as four writers on the same always calls Director Zhang Yiremember her for the rest of his script, juggling possibilities. mou. Facing the press on her Lisi, who played her mother.

own, she displayed none of her usual ebullient chatter or zest.

The actress says that, since she has been making three or four films a year, perhaps now she will work less. No. she doesn't see much difference between working with Chen Kaige or Zhang Yimou. "They both know me well and know how to direct me." Yes, she would consider working with a foreign director, providing he is a good director.

Did she perhaps model her performance on Dietrich? "I never saw her movies." she says. "I mostly looked at pictures from the period."

"I've always sung. When I was young, I failed the conservatory exam, but I can carry a

"Shanghai Triad' may look like a gangster movie, but inside ... there are many things, many emotions, that the director wanted to express."

For the festival's last week-end, Gilles Jacob reserves films he believes may strike gold. The money is on a non-American Golden Palm. Contenders include Emir Kustirica ("Underground"), Theo gelopoulous ("Ulysses" Gaze"), and Mathieu Kassovitz ("'Hate").

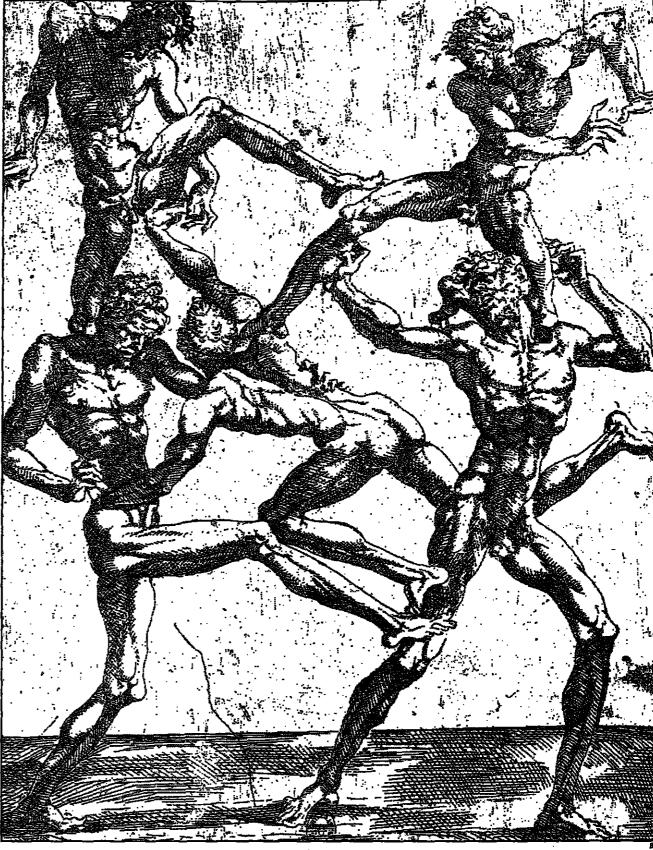
Should Kassovitz win he's young, he's French, the theme of suburban kids vs. cops is timely - there's bound to be World Cup pandemonium on the Croisette - there hasn't been a French winner since Maurice Pialat with "Sous le Soleil de Satan" in 1987. It hasn't been a great festival

didates for best actress: Gong Li in "Shanghai Triad," Gena Rowlands in Terence Davies's "The Neon Bible," Emma Thompson in Christopher Hampton's "Carrington,"

for star turns; among the can-

Catherine Deneuve in Manuel de Oliveira's "Convent." As for best actor. Jonathan Pryce in Carrington should fill the bill. There are dark horse candidates out there, and there might be last minute tradeoffs: naming Harvey Keitel best actor could be a way of palming a prize to Angelopoulous, whose stunning three-hour odyssey through the Balkans won applause, and he is a favorite director of the jury president.

Jeanne Moreau. Anything can happen. Last year, best actress went not to Isabelle Adjani, who played the title role in "La Reine Margot," but to supporting actress Virna



"Human Pyramid" by Juste de Juste in the show of 16th-century prints at the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris.

Television for the 16th Century

By Michael Gibson

International Herald Tribune ARIS — The 16th century whirled France into a strange historical loop as the Renaissance coltations of Western civilization. Meanwhile, several astute and energetic kings were busily con-

solidating the new nation state. The exhibition at the Bibliothèque Nationale (to July 10) of nearly 200 French copperplate prints and woodcuts of the period holds a number of beautiful and affecting works. Copperplate engraving was to that age what television is to ours: a tremendous vehicle for infor-

In its most benign form, it could be used to inform the public of the ambitious program of decoration in the Italian style François I had launched in Fontainebleau after his return

Fiorentino and Primaticcio had been enlisted for the task and they created an iconological program of daunting complexterial alluding to the reigning being a merely decorative en-tertainment, the mythology of Antiquity thus revived fulfilled rather the same social function as major TV series do today — the imagery allowed the public to identify with this or that character and reflect on such issues

virtue and power. Fontainebleau are in a Mannerist vein, but the medium endows them with a novel improvised and experimental tone quite unlike anything done in Germany or Italy at that time. French engravers of that school include such figures as Jean Mignon, with his splendid "Metamorphosis of Actaeon"

Such Italian artists as Rosso whose long-limbed nudes in contorted poses are unlike anything done by other artists any-

But the most stunning items ity, full of mythological ma- from the purely aesthetic point of view are a large, powerful lided with the Reformation and monarch. The relevance of this and enigmatic narrative print of the country had to cope simultaneously with these major multiple when one realizes that, far from the country had to cope simultaneously with these major multiple when one realizes that, far from the country had to cope simultaneously with these major multiple when one realizes that, far from the country had to cope simultaneously with these major multiple when one realizes that, far from the country had to cope simultaneously with these major multiple when one realizes that, far from the country had to cope simultaneously with these major multiple when one realizes that, far from the country had to cope simultaneously with these major multiple when one realizes that, far from the country had to cope simultaneously with these major multiple when one realizes that, far from the country had to cope simultaneously with these major multiple when one realizes that, far from the country had to cope simultaneously with these major multiple when one realizes that, far from the country had to cope simultaneously with these major multiple when one realizes that, far from the country had to cope simultaneously with these major multiple when one realizes that, far from the country had to cope simultaneously with these major multiple when one realizes that the country had to cope simultaneously with the country had to cope sim marvelous series by Jean Duvet: "The Apocalypse" of 1555, and the much earlier set of the 1530s or 1540s devoted

to the "Unicorn Hunt." Duvet was a goldsmith, and his insufficiently known series, rtue and power. while formally inspired by Al-The prints of the School of brecht Dürer's "Apocalypse," is very different from it in mood and style. The first print of the 'Apocalypse'' by Duvet shows Saint John laying down his pen after having recorded his vision. In the background an elaborate city no doubt represents the Heavenly Jerusalem, while

a ship on the waters in the middle ground bears the three Fates holding distaff and shears. Commentators consider this be made out the signature of Duvet and the statement that he completed the series in 1555 at

the age of 70. Also on the table lies a burin, the engraver's tool. Behind John's powerful fig-ure stand an angel and a devil. traditional presences at the bedside of the dying, while on the water before the Fates can be

made out a Latin text: "The Fates are pressing, the hand already begins to shake, sight fails, but the mind remains victorious and the great work is

As he sees death approach ing, Duvet identifies with his visionary patron saint and leaves behind him a rich and

splendid vision of his own. The medium of copperplate engraving was also put to considerable polemical use during the wars of religion, a though experts are unsure of its existing material remains an exactual significance), and two traordinary documentary source traordinary documentary source for researchers today. Each party was naturally inclined to stress the horrors committed by the other side, though the series by Jean Perissin and Jacques Tortorel printed in the Protestant stronghold of Geneva in the 1570s also documents outrages committed by Protestants.

A hand-colored woodcut. "The Overturning of the Great Cooking Pot" is the only visible trace of an extraordinarily durable and shaggy polemic in which Protestants called Catholics "marmite" (cooking-pot), and vice-versa. As a splendidly erudite catalogue essay by Philip Benedict reveals, not only was there a plethora of prints in which the pot is the an autobiographical print: on the central figure, but fiery ser-table in front of Saint John can mons were preached and books published, arguing furiously over who deserved this under

sirable comparison. The pot held a large number of implications, including that of hypocrisy, since it usually hadea lid that prevented one from dis-

covering what was inside.

King Henri IV, who put an end to this cruel conflict, also used copperplate engraving as an instrument of benign royal propaganda, distributing representations of his debonair features far and wide.

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A Peculiar Art Form of the 'Lowlands'

EW YORK—Forget about the blockbuster exhibitions that made late Middle Ages or the Renaissance. None was ever quite them (some, in fact, are rectas surprising as the highly scholarly show on "The Lu- in its original context. minous Image" that opened its doors this week at the done around 1525, depicts the Metropolitan Museum.

On view until Aug. 13, 125 painted glass windows, drawings made as preparatory models for these, and even some

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paintings, deal for the first time ever in museum annals with a peculiar art form cultivated in the patrician houses of the Lowlands" (Flanders and the Netherlands) from about 1480

A picture by Joos van Cleve hangs at the beginning to give an idea of the way in which peared to the beholder's eye.

exhibitions that made breaking book that goes with it, angular), has come down to us

> archangel Gabriel bringing the news to Mary as she kneels, reading, in a stately bedroom.

Above the shutters opening on a landscape, two roundels painted in light brown with yellow frames are set into colorless glass panels. They are like glorious apparitions in the sky. Anyone intending to look out of the window would inevitably gaze at them. Some of the greatest artists

drew designs for the glass roundels, but few are signed. Jan Gossaert's wonderful drawing of "The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist" in

in Roman capitals on the entablature of a monument.

Done around 1509-1510, after the artist's return from Italy, the scene is set in an Ancient Roman city as imagined by Re

The exhibition provides insights into the psyche of the times.

naissance men. These glass roundels seen as akin to engravings rather than to paint-ing? That is suggested by the cross hatching of the drawing, which is typical of the en-graver's technique. When roundels were executed, these

One of these, done around 1480-1490 in the manner of Hugo van der Goes, depicts "Abraham Blessing the Mar-riage of Isaac and Rebecca" in very fine, slanting strokes in brown ink. The effect of an en-

is further emphasized by the use debate leaves no doubt about of yellow for the linear hems of the intimate link between the the costumes. Nowhere does this effect come out as blatantly as in one ence: As the light shines through, it gives the of the show's masterpieces.

"The Triumph of David." The extraordinary precision and fineness of the strokes led the art historian G. J. Hoogewerff moving. to conclude long ago that the tween engraving and silverartist on glass must be an en-

that Jan Saenredam engraved a variant of the subject in 1600. So did, about that time. Pieter Fierens. A debate still goes on Saint John the Baptist" in characteristics were retained, as as to whether the glass panel brown wash heightened with may be verified from the earreally is an early 16th century white is among the exceptions. liest examples of roundels for work by Lucas van Leyden.

graving is not just preserved. It

worked on glass, rather than a 1600 interpretation based on Saenredam's engraving. Husband, who produces closely argued evidence, firmly believes in the Lucas van Levden the-One way or the other, the

stained glass technique and engraving. But with one differ-

silver-stained glass a luminous silkiness, as if it were

The close connection bestained glass is emphasized yet Such was the appeal of this glass panel to other engravers that Jan Saerredam are such as a such glass was also a great engraver. The name of Dirick Vellert is recorded in the Antwerp painters' guild in 1511. He was a great master, acknowledged as such by his contemporaries when Dürer came to

Antwerp, it was Vellert who gave a banquet in his honor, and when King's College Chapel in Cambridge required a cycle of monumental stained-glass windows, he received the commis-

Vellert comes out as one of the show's great revelations. The body of his oeuvre on glass is only just coming to light. One of his masterpieces in the show, a glass roundel illustrating The Triumph of Faith, signed with the monogram "Dand dated 1517, was recognized by Ellen Konowitz as Vellent's work in 1987. The reconstruction of the series of 14 drawings for glass roundels. several of them dated 1523, only goes back to 1992.

Another of Vellen's masterpieces included in the show, the drawing depicting "The Pre-sentation in the Temple," which dates from about 1532, briefly appeared in the Washington "Age of Bruegel" exhibition in 1986, but remains virtually unknown to all but a handful of specialists.

But more remarkable than these individual revelations are the broader insights that this highly focused show gives into

around 1480, which is based on hand, as he looks at the figure of

Old and New Testaments. In a roundel from the Pittsburgh roundel from the Pittsburgh and a nymph, who became en-University Art Gallery that de-amored with his own image as equal in death is the idea. Was picts "Joseph Being Sold to the Ishmaelites," the camel driver looks down at Joseph with a snarling sneer as he clutches his Three lamenting women stand wrist. In the foreground, the negotiation goes on. WELL dressed man sympathy is wasted here. If the her hands as two hooded with a slight squint and a big nose reas-

suringly pats the curious vision to be greeted shoulder of a youth — one of Joseph's brothers whose back is

Renaissance humor could be turned to the viewer. A social criticism thus runs through the sacred image. Prince and Peasant," done and 1990, now belong to the Another work of the 1480s is about 1510-1520, shows a hua pure cartoon. The design for a man figure hovering with a by Husband who built up for his roundel shows a bespectacled spear in hand. Instead of a head, museum one of the most im-

early renaissance times.

A curious pithy humor crept

competence unaware of its lim-

into scenes borrowed from the of Narcissus. The distraught son of a god

> he saw it in a pool, he finally drowned. Only his legs emerge.

grimmer. A roundel on the The two roundels, which theme of "Death with a Pope, a turned up on the market in 1977 ass seated at an organ. This the figure has a skull with an portant collections of silver-symbolizes the ineptitude of in-Most unexpected is a draw-wrings his hands in despair, and must relish his achievement with the psyche of late medieval and ing from the Louvre done the peasant leans back, spade in ghoulish renaissance humor.

Eudocia's version of the story death with an air of resignation. eagle while dead cartle appear equal in death is the idea. Was this destined for a bourgeois of jumped into the water and a stoic disposition? Or perhaps for some hospice for the poor?

Just as intriguing, if not so by the pool. Their bodies are sinister, is the roundel of "Sudisproportionate, their faces sanna and the Elders. A young grotesquely hideous. Little woman in countly dress raises roundel was executed for a pri- churchmen accost her. Who vate house, it must have been a was meant to contemplate this transparent diatribe against corruption in the Church? We will Renaissance humor could be never know.

with knitted eyebrows, looking material within two decades. worried, the kneeling prince without anyone noticing. He



"Joseph Being Sold to the Ismaelites," a painted glass roundel.

After the Death of Painting

By David Galloway

USSELDORF/STUTTGART. Germany — The matched pair of savvy shows currently on view at two of Germany's leading Kunstyrreins might be summed up with the moto "Painting is dead. Long live paint-It is hardly the first time curators have sought to document that proposition, and it will hopefully not be the last. What wa once known as "easel painting" has repeatedly demonstrated a feisty ability to spring to its feet before the startled referee has counted to 10. In one guise or another, evin if removed from the easel and spread on the floor, the painted canvas has survived isms and idioms and ideologies that proclaimed its encroaching redundancy.

The timing of the Düsseldorf and Stuttgart shows, which share a total of 150 vorks by 34 international artists, is in itself

ignificant. For more than a decade 'voung' art has been principally, someimes even aggressively, represented by installations and site-specific works. Mounted in the uppermost, shadowed corner of a room, the peeled twig (or whatever) theoretically inspires meditation, awakens environmental sensitivities, or offers a restmodern comment on the language of forms. But the pecied-twig idiom is in-

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compelled to address on its own terms. Predictably enough, the artists represented in "The Adventure of Painting" offer no uniform approach to such issues. Their individual styles range from the Minimalist color field to an expressively laden realism. What they have in common is perhaps no scale. more than their belief in painting as an inexhaustible field for creative activity. But the results also affirm a sensuous perception on the part of the viewer. The adventure countries derives from a visual experience

and not, simply, from a conceptual stance. Despite the diversity of styles, certain trends can also be perceived, including the return to pictorial representations. The



Self-portrait (detail) by Peter Schmersal, on exhibition in Germany.

adequate for dealing with certain primary The intimacy is illuminated by a volupaesthetic issues that each generation seems thous coloration that dramatizes the inherent emotionality of the scene. More startling, however, is the fact that the artist paints the same view three times over, in three strikingly different formats. Edelfalk thus offers her own tantalizing play on one of the recurrent issues of painting: that of

Realism of a vastly different sort is present in the portraits and self-portraits of Peter Shmersal. Often these are fragmented into clusters of smaller canvases, as though charted here in works from 10 different the subjects themselves can only be grasped fragmentarily. The broad, almost tactile strokes of color with which Schmersal builds up an image also suggest fragmentation, though they compose into a near-photographic precision. A similar June 25, at the Württembergischen Kun-Swedish artist Cecilia Edelfalk, for ex- technique is applied to very different effect ample, seizes a tender moment in which a young man strokes the long hair of the young woman sitting before him and gently places his hand against her naked back.

Despite their miniature scale, their muddy coloration and the uncompromising bleakness of the views, Rath's silos and switching yards and peeling warehouses achieve a startling beauty: the beauty of painting itself. The double take which Rath thus provokes achieves an even more extreme dimension in the canvases of Peter Thol, who addresses himself to two subects which seem anything but "aesthetic": guns (in Düsseldorf) and money (in Stuttgart). The artifacts themselves, isolated within the picture plane, are rendered with a matter-of-factness that virtually belies any notion of "political correctness. Yet art's ability to transform the banal or the violent into the beautiful itself, as in Goya's "Disasters of War," is one of the fundamental ambiguities of the creative process. One of the most conspicuous and per-

suasive talents on view in Düsseldorf and Stuttgart is Alexander Guy, a Scottish-born painter who now lives in London. His own banal subjects, "fattened" by the painter's brush and swollen to fill an entire canvas. have antecedents in the work of the Italiasn Domenico Gnoli, who died in 1970, but they lack the Italian's sometimes discomforting surrealist air. In its stead, Guy offers a contagious wit. A refrigerator seems to swell its breast with domestic self-importance, while a television set fairly gloats with noncommunication, and a shopping car preens on tippy-toes for its portrait. The earthen-hued palette of Guy's works might seem better suited to Provençal landscapes than to domestic trivialities, but this, too, is part of their bewitchingly magic realism.

In a panorama such as this, each viewer can pick his own favorites, and many will think of regrettable omissions to the show's roster. In the end, even such cavils belong to the dialogue that curators Raimund Stecher and Martin Henschel aim to provoke.

The institutions that they head have frequently served as barometers for new ten-

dencies in the arts.
"The Adventure of Painting" is on view at the Düsseldorf Kunstverein through stverein in Stuttgart through July 2.

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former Andy Rooney's military career, so to speak, commerced in July of 1941, when he was drafted into the Army, and ended in August of 1945 and ended in August of 1945, when he was discharged shortly before the close of World War II. II. For most of that time he was a correspondent for Stars and Stepes, the Army newspaper.

As anyone who has observed

hin in action on '60 Minutes' knows, Rooney does not suffer from undue shyness. His selfas urance enabled him, upon being assigned to the field artillery and shipped over to England in and 1942, to get himself appointed to the Stars and Stripes staff despite an almost total lack

ofnewspaper experience.
Thereafter his talent for reparting asserted itself, and he distinguished himself in upcbse coverage of the bomber asault on Germany, the landings at Normandy and the strug-ge to enlarge the beachhead there, the liberation of Paris, the cossing of the Rhine and the

ivasion of Germany.

Technically an enlisted man,
was carespondent Rooney was abut as much under military decinion Churchill Rooney consorted vith civilian war correspondents, interviewed generals, byed about freely at the wheel of his own jeep and generally an his own year. The combat experience ob-

War," while in no way unique, is vividly reported Rooney spent most of the European campaign with units of the U.S.
First Army, which did a disproportionate share of the hardest, ugliest fighting from DDay until the German surrender, and he does an excellent job of recreating the dirt and danger that the troops endured.

Rooney has a very low opinion of the military prowess of on or me minary provess of General George Parton, whose Third Army, he contends, did relatively little slugging-it-out but got most of the headlines. Parton, he says, "was a loud-mouthed boor who got too many American soldiers killed for the roke of enhancing his own rensake of enhancing his own rep-utation as a swashbuckling leader in the Napoleonic style.' Too many of the best Amer-

ican and German generals have spoken highly of Patton's prowess as a battlefield commander to bear out Rooney's contention. It is absurd to say, as Rooney does, that General Eisenhower

allowed loyalty to a West Point classmate to overcome his military judgment. The truth is that Rooney's talents as an interpreter, as distinguished from a chronicler, of

warfare are definitely on the

flimsy side. He writes, for ex-

ample, of tanks that "there's no **NEW AUTHORS** PUBLISH YOUR WORK ALL SUBJECTS CONSIDERED Authors World-wide invited Write ox send your manuscript to MINERVA PRESS 2 OLD BROMPTON RD. LONDON SW 7 300

served and recorded in "My doubt they helped win the war War," while in no way unique, but of all the time and money spent on weapons, it was my experience that tanks were on top of the useless list." Not many pages later, Rooney is describing the enormous havoc leveled upon the retreating Germans at Falaise. Similar lack of insight crops up throughout the book, which is long on color and vividness but short on judgment and accuracy.

'War," declares Rooney,

"brings out the kind of pride in country that encourages its citcellence and it encourages them to be ready to die for it. At no time do people work so well together to achieve the same goal as they do in wartime. Maybe that's enough to make patriotism eligible to be considered a virtue. If only I could get out of my mind the most patriotic people who ever lived, the Nazi Germans.'

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A Vote for Good Sense

on Thursday by voting to preserve the current system of public financing for presidential campaigns. It was an important victory because it means that at least one sector of the electoral system — and a very important one — will be partially insulated from the pressures of big moncy fund-raising. The public financing system was one of the most important reforms to grow out of the reaction to the Watergate scandal. It is a reform that has actually worked well, and there is no reason to repeal it. The vote was also important because it scuttled a tricky maneuver under which a huge change in the political process would have been rushed through as part of the complex budget resolution that the Senate is now considering. Thursday's vote for an amendment offered by Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts stripped the resolution of language aimed at killing the system after the next election.

This victory could not have happened if 10 reform-minded Republicans had not joined with Democrats to save the public financing system — a sign, one hopes, that this Congress need not get mired in bitter partisan confrontation on every single issue. The crucial Republican votes came from Senators Cohen, Campbell, Chafee, Jeffords, Kassebaum, Lugar, Snowe, Specter, Stevens and Thompson. The votes of Senators Lugar and Specter are particularly significant because both are running for president and will be using federal matching money to help

The U.S. Senate strengthened its repu-finance their campaigns. But Bob Dole tation as an independent-minded place and Phil Gramm, who are also running for president and will also be looking for those public funds, voted to kill the system that they are counting on to help them this time around. Mr. Lugar and Mr. Specter have a right to ask Mr. Dole and Mr. Gramm to put their money where their votes are. If Senators Dole and Gramm really think that using public money in campaigns is so wrong, they do not have to accept their share for the 1996 campaign.

Critics of the public financing system argued that its impact had been lessened by large loopholes that permit political parties to raise millions of dollars in "soft money" to supplement the federal funds. But the Senate wisely decided that this was not an argument for killing the existing system but rather for improving it by closing up the soft-money loopholes. Doing so ought to be part of a larger effort to reform the financing of contests for the House and Senate.

House and Senate races are getting ever more expensive, which increases the impact of money on the political process. Thursday's heartening vote suggests that in the Senate, at least, there might be the makings of a bipartisan majority for improving the system. We hope that members of the Republican reform block that emerged on this vote will stick together to foil any future assaults on public financing of presidential campaigns and to urge their leaders to put broader campaign reforms on the agenda of this Congress. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

Microsoft Backs Down

The same Justice Department that was Intuit, whose Quicken financial software accused a (ew months ago of administering a mere wrist slap to Microsoft Corp. in an antitrust case has now come back to score a resounding triumph over the soft-ware giant in a different case. The U.S. government's litigators, by simply filing suit, have forced Microsoft to back down from a proposed \$2 billion purchase of rival Intuit Inc. that could have substanually reduced competition in the market for personal finance software. The unexpected cancellation of the deal should spark renewed and fiercer competition between the frustrated suitors, and thus lead to better products at lower prices.

Personal finance software is important in its own right and as a springboard into the emerging world of electronic banking and purchasing. Although Microsoft said it was simply unwilling to get tangled up in prolonged litigation, the Justice Department looked as if it had a powerful case against the acquisition.

Microsoft, whose own personal finance software had been lagging, sought to buy its way into dominance by purchasing

holds some 70 percent of the market. Microsoft sought to steer clear of the antitrust laws by spinning off its own financial software to yet another company, leaving the number of competitors unchanged. But any consumer could sense that a market battle between Intuit, the current leader in personal finance software, and Microsoft, the overall software leader, is far fairer than a match that would put Intuit and Microsoft on the same side against other contestants that were already far behind. Whatever the legal merits may have been, resumption of the fight between Microsoft and Intuit is likely to benefit consumers.

The collapse of the Intuit deal leaves unresolved a far bigger question that has haunted government investigations of Microsoft, namely whether Microsoft uses its dominance of operating systems for per-sonal computers to give its other products an unfair advantage. That is the area where the Justice Department must now remain especially vigilant.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

He Should Be Reined In

offensively referring to two Jewish congressmen, Howard Berman and Henry Waxman of California, as "Hymie boys" at a political dinner in San Francisco.

With Mr. Rollins, it is often hard to tell. The Republican political consultant also seemed sincere when he bragged about suppressing the black urban vote in the 1993 New Jersey governor's race by paying black clergymen to discourage vol-ing by their congregations. He retracted the statement after a storm of criticism

It could be that Edward Rollins Jr. and denials by Mr. Rollins' successful canmeant it when he apologized last week for didate in the race, Christie Whitman.

Mr. Rollins is a recidivist when it comes to coarsening politics. His use of an anti-Semitic term, even in the context of a supposedly humorous dinner speech, showed a stubborn lack of sensitivity.

But if his performance was not surprising, the reaction of his latest candidate is. After calling the Rollins slur "inexcus-able," Bob Dole, the Senate majority leader, has allowed him to continue as a senior adviser to his presidential campaign.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Now Look on His Works

A spectacular find in Egypt's Valley of the Kings promises to shed fresh light on the domestic life of Ramses II, who is believed to have fathered 100 children. Most of his 52 sons apparently were

buried in a huge mausoleum containing 67 chambers, whose discovery was announced recently by the Egyptologist Kent Weeks of the American University in Cairo. But equally interesting, it may reveal more about the demise of pharaonic Egypt as a major imperial power in the ancient Near East.

Ramses II was the last pharaoh to savor the full glory of regional supremacy. He is the Ozymandias of Shelley's poem, the god-king who boasted of his martial prowess in inscriptions and statues found from Abu Simbel near Aswan to the Nile Delta. During the 13th century B.C., his realm stretched from Libya to the Euphrates River and south to the Sudan. He is said to be the pharaoh of the Book of Exodus, though a case may be made for his 13th son and successor, Memeptah.

The huge mausoleum, although apparently visited by grave robbers, somehow escaped discovery by archeologists.

Ramses' sons were buried near the treasure-laden tomb of Tutankhamun, whose discovery in 1922 caught the world's imagination.

The new find may offer clues about Egypt's decline under Ramses II's grandson, Ramses III. One explanation has been put forward by Dr. Rushdi Said, retired head of Egypt's Geological Survey. He plausibly contends that Egypt's early flowering was made possible by the remarkable agricultural bounty on the Nile banks, and to the skillful mining of gold and refining of bronze. But as powerful rivals began developing iron weap-ons, Egypt fell fatally behind. It takes 1,300 trees to smelt a ton of iron, far more than the copper in bronze, and arid Egypt lacked the forests available to northern invaders, notably the Assyrians.

Shelley reports hearing of a shattered statue of Ramses II in an antique land bearing this inscription: "Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!" But to find so great a trove of information about Ramses II and his colossal family seems these days more a cause for rejoicing.

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'Jumping Over the Chasm' to a Mideast Deal by Late Fall •

WASHINGTON — What's eating Warren Christopher? The normally laconic, deeply reserved secretary of state has recently lashed out again and again at Iran. He led the charge for a U.S. trade embargo against the ayatollahs. This is a stunning reversal of form for a corporate lawyer who reflexively seeks to dedramatize issues, drain emotion out of conflicts and get lions and lambs to reason together.

On Iran, and Iran alone, Mr. Christopher has dropped the evil of banality from his diplomacy. Why?

Some administration insiders attribute it to the frustrations Mr. Christopher experienced in negotiating fruitlessly to free the U.S. hostages in Tehran as Jimmy Carter's deputy secretary of state. Mr. Christopher's own answer is more complex, and more interesting. His answer also suggests that Syria and

Heights before time runs out in a few months on this round of negotiations. which Syria has just agreed to resume. A Syrian-Israeli deal has become Mr. Christopher's most important personal and professional preoccupation. "I feel very protective about the peace process."

Israel may yet strike a deal on the Golan

the secretary acknowledged in an interview. The Iranians — allies of President Hafez Assad of Syria — have sworn to

By Jim Hoagland

derail all peace efforts. "They are the most blatant international enemy of the peace process," Mr. Christopher snapped, pointing to Iran's financial support for extremist Palestinian groups.

He also listed Iran's effort to acquire nuclear weapons technology and its involvement in international terrorism as sufficient reason for fighting the ayatollahs tooth-and-claw. But in the course of an hour's conversation in his office, Mr. Christopher made it clear that he took Iran's "day-after-day efforts to undermine the peace process" very personally.

You cannot read the intelligence reports I read every day about what they are doing and not react as I do," he said.

Like war, peace in the Middle East is not the result of abstract, mechanical forces. It is a region where leaders produce history. rather than events producing leaders. Almost despite himself, Mr. Christopher has fallen into sync with people for whom

passions outweigh process.

Intense personal feelings have triggered and still undergird the three Arab-Israeli peace accords that have been reached. Anwar Sadat, Yasser Arafat and to a lesser extent King Hussein all acted out of personal desperation and frustration in finally coming to terms with Israel's existence.

Mr. Assad is the holdout, and Mr. Christopher warns that the Syrian leader is a tougher nut to crack. But in the end the chances for a deal will turn on almost intangible personal calculations by Mr. Assad and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel.

"You will never see a quality of despera-tion from Assad," Mr. Christopher said. "He is too meticulous and controlled for that." But, the secretary added, his long talks with Mr. Assad in Damascus have convinced him that this hard bargainer is again bargaining, aware that time is running out on Mr. Rabin's government and Mr. Christopher's own room for maneuver.

It was against this background that Mr. Assad suddenly agreed Tuesday to unblock Syrian-Israeli military-to-military talks on future security arrangements on the Golan Heights. Mr. Christopher will travel to Damascus and Jerusalem in early June.

"My impression is that President Assad understands that his best opportunity for an agreement is to do a deal with Rabin" before Mr. Rabin's Labor government has to call elections next year, Mr. Christopher said cautiously. "The public statements of Likud leaders hostile to a deal on the Golan would certainly suggest that conclu-sion to Assad." Opinion polls show Mr. Rabin losing to a coalition led by the ultraconservative Likud bloc if elections were held today.

The election campaign in Israel will bein to pick up steam in late autumn. Mr. Rabin has promised a national referendum on a Golan deal, which he wants to get out of the way well before the elections, Add in the U.S. presidential campaign, and you nnderstand why Mr. Christopher sees Thanksgiving 1995 as the drop-dead time for a Syrian-Israeli deal

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To close this kind of negotiation there has to come a time when the chief executive officers can come together and jump over any big chasm that the negotiators cannot bridge," he said.

But won't Mr. Assad's Iranian friends

respond to the trade embargo and Mr. Christopher's other blasts at them by leaning harder on Syria not to make peace?

I have made clear to the Syrians my

commitment to the peace process, and they have accepted that," the secretary said. They do not seem to let their relations with Iran interfere with their own interests

in the peace process."
On Iran, Warren Christopher has accepted the case for not turning the other cheek. He has granted human emotion a role in his diplomacy. That is progress.

The Washington Post.

Nonaligned: We Have Come A Graceful Way for Castro to Retire To Rename It — or Bury It

By Stephen S. Rosenfeld

WASHINGTON — The ambassador of Sri Lanka was noting the other day that at the conference to extend the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, the Nonaligned Movement . . .

The what? The Nonaligned Movement? Did not this oncefamiliar Third World response to global polarization evaporate when the Cold War ended and

The movement could help best by solving some of its own disputes.

left the movement's 100-odd members no blocs not to be aligned with any longer, and no fray to rise above in quest of identity, safety and advantage at the igher moral latitudes?

This, after all, is the body that attributed the woes of the world to the very existence of blocs although it often seemed that the ways of the Soviet bloc were considerably more endurable to the membership than the ways of the American bloc. When the one bloc disappeared and the other became the recognized pacesetter in democracy and free enterprise, the Nonaligned Movement's rea-

son for being collapsed. This is the body whose most prominent founders, India's Jawaharlal Nehru among them. embraced a theory of economic development resting on faith in government planning that delivered some progress but much misery. Ultimately, this forced the movement to turn for an economic model to the market system it

had long pronounced a scourge.

Meanwhile, the movement was suffering the embarrassment of having the country of another founding father, President Tito of Yugoslavia — supposedly a place that a benign socialism had lifted above ethnic strife — disintegrate. Members have tended to brush under the rug the explosion of nationalisms in their own ranks.

Ah, but you have guessed it: This obsolete, discredited organization is struggling to adapt to the new global flux. The nonaligned, finding themselves in a world whose formal structures are still dominated by others, cling to the few levers and institutions available. Change has denied them the

chance to keep playing one great power against the other. Nor can they retain their old pose as the moral arbiters of the great powers. But they can use the habits and instruments of their long collaboration to apply what influence they have to selected concerns.

At that nonproliferation conference, Indonesia, Egypt, Nigeria and others, acting in the name of the Nonaligned Movement, made themselves into a pesky player with which the five nuclear powers, to their evident irritation, were required to deal. Their initiative fell short but did produce some marginal toughening of demands on the five to disarm.

Other exercises of the nonaligned have not fared as well. Members have been unable to agree on the terms for restructuring the United Nations Security Council to give them more power. They have failed to gain access to the Group of Seven leading industrialized democracies, a club which many members regard as a major determinant of their fates.

The nonaligned may continue to hunt for more effective ways to lobby the developed world for this or that priority, as best their great variety and their limited political coherence permit.

The large task where they could yet make the most valuable contribution is one they have so far evaded: to resolve their own disputes. Like the early nonaligned latter-day members still find it easier to look for sources of trouble without than within. Case in point: the organization's recent call for Israel to renounce nuclear weapons came in part, Zambia's foreign minister had the zip to note, from member states who are themselves working on a bomb.

Finally, the Nonaligned Movement badly needs a new name, one with no hint of either mustiness or hypocrisy. I am accepting entries. One that I've been turning over is Us, Too. Another is Aligned With Democracy, al-though that would shrink the membership rolls right off. Or if not a new name, a decent burial and a willing of the remains to the United Nations. As a universal organization run in an open way, the United Nations is as well situated as any other to funnel non-

aligned members' contributions to their own well-being. The Washington Post.

By William Ratliff

WASHINGTON — All it takes is a little Wimagination and goodwill to pull off a peaceful transition in Cuba. But Americans and Cubans are still stuck in a Cold War rut.

President Bill Clinton has finally declared his independence from the Cuban-American community in the United States, but he has done so by striking an immoral deal with Fidel Castro that turns the U.S. Coast Guard into the dictator's border patrol. Meanwhile, U.S. politicians and many Cuban-Americans beat the drums for a still tighter embargo, even though the one in place is a miserably failed relic of the Cold War.

Only Fidel Castro seems to be talking peaceful transition, but as usual with his own twist. He can call for an end of the embargo because he knows Americans don't have the imagination to take such a step. Washington allows him to keep it as the scapegoat for his own errors and repression. The tragedy is that there could be a smoother transition in Cuba than most Cubans or Ameri-

cans have yet even dared to contemplate. This would assume (1) that most Cubans truly want to avoid bloodshed, possibly involving the United States, during a transition; and (2) that Mr. Castro and leading Cuban-Americans want history to remember them as statesmen, not as men obsessed by power or the promise of power.

Weeks ago, and not for the first time, Mr. Castro told Paris Match that under certain conditions he would consider retiring. But this time the vehicle for his retirement arrived at the same time — the 1940 constitution and the just-inaugurated president of Cuba, José Morell Romero.

Last year Cuban-Americans in Tampa discovcred that according to the 1940 constitution, which Fulgencio Batista threw out in his 1952 coup, when there is no elected president in Cuba, the senior Supreme Court justice - Mr. Morell at present holds the office until elections can be held.

The Union of Cuban Opposition, within Cuba,

which reportedly represents more than 50 groups, announced its support for the 1940 constitution and Mr. Morrell's presidency this past week in Miami. But Mr. Morell could appeal to Mr. Castro too, for he offers the dictator a way to relinquish power gracefully, passing on a far less polarized Cuba to subsequent leaders.

In his famous "History will absolve me" speech in 1953, and throughout his 1950s guerrilla campaign to overthrow Mr. Batista, Mr. Castro repeatedly promised to restore the 1940 constitution when he took power. Of course he didn't do it, and now Cuba has the 1976 Soviet-style constitution.

Still, Mr. Castro knows as he approaches 69 that he cannot rule much longer. He knows that he pledged to restore the 1940 document, and that when he is gone Cubans at home and abroad will almost surely lurch into a period of bloody vio-lence and repression. But Mr. Castro also knows, as do Cuban-Americans, that with imagination and goodwill they could defuse the tensions now. This is Mr. Castro's chance to retire as a

statesman. He could say that his firm control over the country was once required, but that times have changed. He could add: "In order to promote a peaceful transition I now turn the government over to President Morell, who holds his position in line with the 1940 constitution promised to restore years ago."

Quiet negotiations should begin immediately, without U.S. involvement, perhaps mediated by Argentina's recently re-elected president, Carlos Menem, whose top aides have already been per-sonally in touch with Mr. Castro. Basic differences will remain on what Mr. Castro did during his decades in power. But all

reducing tensions to avoid otherwise inevitable bloodshed and for retiring as a statesman. The writer is a senior research fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University. He contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

Cubans and Americans could praise him for

A China-Taiwan Collision Can Be Avoided

HONOLULU — It is time for both China and Taiwan to try to get off the collision course both seem to be recklessly pursuing. Greater moderation and flex-

ibility is needed on each side. The Clinton administration's approval of a "private visit" by resident Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan to Cornell University, his alma mater, is being broadcast in Taiwan as a major victory for Taipei

and a major affront to Beijing. Yet if China had chosen not to object to Mr. Lee's trip to Cornell as long as it remained private (without official sponsorship or protocol), the visit could have been a nonevent. Beijing's unyielding and unrealistic stance made congressional pressure, and capitulation by the Clinton administration, more likely. It increased the

By Ralph A. Cossa

importance of the visit once it was approved and will encourage the Republican-dominated Congress to push for more official contacts, the real cause of China's concern.

Had Beijing been willing to give a little and focus its attention there it really matters, on issues that involve a "two Chinas" policy, it might have found a more sympathetic ear in Washington. By acting with inflexibility, Beijing helped cosure an outcome that

runs counter to its long-term aim. What happens next? Will Tai-pei be satisfied with its victory or will it and its supporters in the U.S. Congress continue to press for courtesies appropriate to a head of state during Mr. Lee's visit to Cornell? It is now Tai-

wan's turn to show moderation. Taipei needs more diplomatic breathing space, and the govern-ing party has to be able to deny political advantage to an increasngly vocal opposition which is demanding independence — something Beijing has warned could trigger an armed invasion. Both sides must carefully as-

sess the long-term consequences of short-term political and diplo-matic successes. Is it in Taiwan's interest to further alienate China? Is it in America's interest to contribute to such alienation? Stability and prosperity in Asia

hinge on two key factors: maintenance of the U.S.-Japan security. alliance and generally harmonious relations between America and. China Today, Washington seems intent on undermining both of these critical relationships.

The United States is caught in a zero-sum game between Beijing and Taipei, with each "victory on one side seen as a "defeat" by the other. This mentality - driven by entrenched attitudes in China and Taiwan, and by supporters of Taiwan and detractors of China in the United States - has to be reversed. Ultimately, this can be accomplished only through direct dialogue between Taipei and Beijing. The next round of these talks is tentatively scheduled for July.

In the meantime, if neither side is willing or able to alter course, both should at least reduce the volume of hostile rhetoric and the speed at which they are heading for collision. Those who appear intent on further alienating Beijing or hastening the deterioration in U.S.-China relations should stop and ask themselves whether it is in the best interests of America, Taiwan or Asia to keep playing such a dangerous game.

The writer is executive director of the Pacific Forum/CSIS think tank in Honolulu. He contributed this comment to the International

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Italian Poll Threat ROME - To-day took place the

general elections all over Italy for the nomination of a new Chamber. The Minister of War gave orders for the troops to be in readiness all over the country in case of need. Fresh apprehension was felt, as in the last few days the Socialists threatened to knife all who voted for Signor Crispi. However, this very action had produced a kind of reaction even among the Radicals themselves, it being evident that those who countenance such doings are not fit to rule.

1920: Concord in Mexico

PARIS -[The Herald says in an editorial:] With Venustiano Corranza removed from the political arena as a possible disturbing element, and with the decisive elec-

President ad interim, the revolutionary party in Mexico is now in complete control of the Republic. So far there seems to be not a single rift in the lute of perfect; harmony among the Mexican political elements. Even Pancho Villa, that thorn in the side of the last two Administrations, has decided to behave, and from now on cast. in his lot with the régime of law and order at Mexico City.

1945: UN Veto Defined SAN FRANCISCO - Represen-

tatives of the "Big Five" nations reached an agreement on interpretation of the Yalta formula for voting in the proposed world security council. It allows any nation to bring a dispute before the council for discussion without become blocked by the council for discussion without become and the council for discussion without become and the council for the council ing blocked by the veto of a single. major power. But it also requires. "Big Five" unanimity on any postion by the Mexican Congress of General Adolfo de La Huerta as itive action by the council.

Will No One Follow Bush's Example?

By A. M. Rosenthal

NRA leaders use another old

trick. They claim to represent

more people than they do - in

their case, all gun owners.
A Time-CNN poll shows this to be false. As of this month, 68

percent of gun owners disagreed with the NRA's calling federal

agents "jackbooted thugs"; 73

percent gave the FBI a favorable

rating, to the NRA's 60; 49 per-

cent favored stricter gun control;

69 percent wanted to keep the

assault weapons ban despite the

NRA campaign against it. Gun owners seem less afraid of the

NRA than politicians do.

NEW YORK — The leader-ship of the National Rifle Association did not invent the technique, certainly not. That is

the point — it's been around in Europe almost a century. First: Take over an organization that has special appeal to people who work for a living. Then find something that is troubling them, makes them feel lesser, besieged or betrayed. Direct that unhappiness against a welldefined target in society. Maneuver a leadership clique into com-

mand. Then move ruthlessly for

vastly expanded national politi-

cal influence. Use the members,

money and voting power of the organization as critical levers. In Europe, far right and far left used techniques of subverting government to create power. Good students, the leaders of the NRA have created an organization with a new goal. It is beyond simply fighting gun control. The purpose and engine of the new NRA is deeply political: to persuade more Americans that they are being strangled by a plot to deprive them of their liberty. The mastermind is the government;

law officers are its servants.

That conspiracy theory is an

old one on the far right fringes

of American life. The triumph

of the NRA has been to capture

the anger of the conspiracy the-

ory, feed and popularize it,

make it their cause and cow pol-

iticians into submission.

President Bill Clinton was the inevitable prime target of the NRA. When the NRA made federal law enforcement agents objects of hate, before and after Oklahoma, any incumbent president became their buil's eye. President George Bush saw

that, I believe, and courageously

quit the NRA. But where are the major Republican candidates? No politicians have a greater responsibility to take on the NRA and its anti-government incitement than mainstream conservative leaders. If the leading Republican candidates cannot explain the difference between conserving America and

destroying trust in America,

then intellectually they are unfit

to lead. But that is not what

inspired Senator Phil Gramm to make the keynote speech at the NRA convention. That was simply a case of enthusiastic bootlicking.

Senator Bob Dole has switched on assault rifles and now is against the ban. Surely that does not mean he is a prisoner of the NRA for the whole campaign, so paralyzed by fear of its power that he cannot criticize an organization that undermines the authority and legitimacy of the law enforcement machinery he hopes one day to command? Surely?

Earlier this month I wrote that conservative politicians who did not have the courage to paint a line between what they consider real conservatism and the hate-peddling of far-right armed bigots were betraying all those citizens who believe in the essential decency of mainstream American conservatism. In came letters saying I was naive to believe that either conservative courage or decency existed.

Standing up to the fatter and meaner NRA would take even more honesty and courage than denouncing nuts of the woods,

so I will expect more letters. But consider this: Bill Clinton seems to grow in strength by facing the NRA. With an enemy like that, a man who wants to be president might

make a lot of friends. The New York Times. ro to Relig

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A Small Drug Firm Thinks Big Scotia's Unusual Approach May Yet Silence Critics

By Erik Ipsen
International Herald Tribune

GUILDFORD, England - Sixteen years after it was founded in Nova Scotia, a tiny pharmaceutical company that has taken an unusual approach to drugmaking stands on the brink of making a potentially huge splash in the medical

"Any one of four products we have in the pipeline could transform us into a major pharmaceuticals company," said David Horrobin, founder and chief executive of Scotia Holdings PLC, which is now based just south of London. For the record, Dr. Horrobin, a former professor of medicine at Montreal University, de-fines "major" as a product that brings revenue of at least £2 billion (\$3.2 bil-

lion).
"It seems totally unbelievable, but he

could well be right," said a London-

Dr. Horrobin is currently pinning his hopes on winning permission in the next 18 months to sell one or both of a pair of

Of the two, the closest to approval is EF13, which has been shown in early clinical trials to significantly slow the deadly progress of pancreatic cancer. Last month, its final tests nearly complete. Scotia applied for a license to sell the drug in Britain, Ireland and Den-

Cancer researchers say preliminary findings are encouraging but that that more work is needed. "It is an interesting concept and one they have explored very carefully," said Tim Oliver, a cancer specialist at London's St. Bart's Hospital. But they need more trials."

The other drug, EF4, has so far been

found effective against one of the most common complications of diabetes, neuropathy, a deadening of the nerves that can lead to blindness or amputations.

Scotia has spent less on research and development in its entire existence than the biggest drugmakers typically spend in a couple of weeks: £55 million to date. It is a strange candidate for such potenual breakthroughs.

While the pharmaceutical industry has for a generation concentrated its efforts on drugs made from meticulously tailored proteins, Scotia's drugs are made up of fatty acids called lipids,

Scotia derives the lipids from natural sources such as fish and seed oils. "Every human cell," Dr. Horrobin says, "is essentially a bag of protein surrounded by a membrane of lipids."

The role of lipids in regulating the See SCOTIA, Page 10

U.S. Allows Drugmakers to Prolong Their Patents

By Philip J. Hilts New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - In a move that could cost consumers billions of dollars. the Food and Drug Administration has ruled that a new federal law gives pharmaceutical companies an extension of as long as three years on their drug patents.

The ruling on Thursday was hailed by big drugmakers. But consumer groups immediately protested the change, and companies that make cheaper "generic" alternatives to brand-name drugs on which the patents have run out called on Congress to amend the law. Senator David H. Prvor, Democrat of

Arkansas, said he would introduce a bill to restore the traditional 17-year limit for drugs currently under patent or in the application process.

The agency ruled on a law signed by President Bill Clinton in December that put into effect last year's world trade agreement. The law requires the United

States to change its system of granting 17-year patents from the time of their approval to match the practice in other nations of giving 20-year patents from the time of application. The agency made the decision reluc-

tantly and suggested in its ruling that Congress may not have intended this outcome and should clarify the law.

The law gives drug companies as much as three years of extra protection for their products.

director of Nissan.

Strong Yen Hurts Japan's Carmakers

TOKYO — The strong yen and sluggish demand for cars weighed on earnings for Japan's automakers last year, with Nissan Motor Co. hit hard, according to results released Friday.

Nissan, the second-largest automaker in Japan, posted a prices for imported auto group pretax loss of 223.26 billion yen (\$2.6 billion) in the values there plurameted. year to March 31, widening a

previous year. Sales edged up to after nearly five years of de-5.83 trillion yen from 5.80 tril- creases. But the strong yen

Analysts attributed much of Nissan's loss to the plunge of the peso early this year in Mexico, where Nissan manufactures vehicles. The plunge meant prices for imported auto parts soared in Mexico while asset

clipped exports to Europe, the Middle East and the rest of Asia.

"While we expect a tough market environment to continue for our European operations, we will move ahead with extensive restructuring programs and efforts to increase domestic

Nissan said its sales in Japan sales in our bid to return the loss of 202.37 billion yen the began recovering early this year company to profitability," said

Mazda Motor Corp. posted a pretax loss of 35.49 billion yen, yen the previous year.

of Mazda, said efforts to solidify the company were "produc-

Mitsubishi Motors Corp., Japan's third-largest automaker, osted a group pretax profit of 53.3 billion yen for 1994-95, up from 21.25 billion yen the previous year. But the company said the profit rise would have been greater if not for the strong yen. Sales at Mitsubishi rose to

3.41 trillion yen from 2.95 tril-

narrowed from 44.12 billion Yoshihiro Wada, president

Italy Lifts Rates To Defend Lira **And Cool Prices**

ROME — The Bank of Italy ther side of a central rate. raised its interest rates by threequarters of a percentage point system in September 1992 and Friday in a strike at inflation since then has fallen sharply and the weak lira.

The central bank raised its

discount rate to 9.0 percent from 8.25 percent and its rate Italy's goal of returning its curon fixed-term advances to 10.5 percent from 9.75 percent.

The bank said it had acted to counter the rise in inflation signaled by recent increases in producer prices and industrial production rates. On Monday, official figures showed prices were up 5.5 percent in May from 12 months earlier, the highest rate in three years.

The bank said the persistent weakness of the lira was another reason for the decision. The measure is part of a restrictive monetary policy in the face of inflation risk," the

bank said. It said the "lingering undervaluation of the lira" was raising import costs for industry, which were being passed on to consumers through higher

"Demand is quite strong, and capacity utilization in most in-dustries is high," the central bank said. "These factors tend to make it easier to transfer price increases derived from higher import costs to produc-

ers and consumers." But the move failed to lift the currency against the Deutsche mark Friday. In Milan, the mark strengthened to 1,183.92 lira from 1,161.75 lira Thurs-

The lira did manage to gain against the dollar, however. In New York, the dollar fell to 1,639 lire from 1,643 lire. The central bank last raised

rates Feb. 21, when it lifted the discount rate to 8.25 percent from 7.5 percent and its fixedterm advances rate to 9.75 percent from 8.5 percent. Nonetheless, the mark surged

to a record of 1,275 lira in Italian officials said Thurs-

day that they would like to return the lira to the European Monetary System's exchangerate mechanism. The mecha- because the cost of imported alle for i (AP, Bloomberg, AFP) tal cooperation to keep member

The lira dropped out of the

against other currencies. Analysts said that the rate rise would lend credibility to rency to the exchange-rate grid

by the end of the year. "Near-term the lira could weaken, but medium-term it's a positive move," said Marco Pianelli an economist with Nomura Research in London.

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Olivetti Tumbles Deeper in Deficit After Charges

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MILAN - Olivetti SpA said Friday that higher financing costs and a one-time charge for restructuring had widened its net loss in 1994 but said it was getting closer to breaking even at the operating level.

The Italian computer maker posted a net loss of 678.9 billion lire (\$409 million) last year. billion lire in 1993. It was the fourth straight year of losses. bringing the total losses for the period to more than 2.1 trillion

A one-time restructuring cost of 239.1 billion lire hurt the results. Olivetti also wrote down the value of its bond portfolio by 145.4 billion lire. It paid 151.2 billion lire in interest on debt, up from 104.4 billion lire in 1993.

But the company's operating loss narrowed to 16.7 billion lire from 206 billion lire in 1993.

Olivetti's sales rose to 9.08 trillion lire from 8.61 trillion lire. But it said profit margins had been squeezed by computer price wars triggered by the availability of less expensive

Olivetti said the weak lira did not provide a competitive edge

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

ECONOMIC SCENE Tariffs: A Steep Climb for Consumers

By Peter Passell New York Times Service

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EW YORK — If Tokyo does not bend, Americans can say goodbye to all those sleek Japanese huxury cars. But look on the bright side: They can always buy a

Then again, maybe not. In what could be interpreted as an effort to cover all bases on the transportation front, the Commerce Department is investigating charges by the U.S. bicycle industry that

China is "dumping" bicycles.

If the domestic makers prevail — and precedent suggests they will — the prices of all bicycles for sale in the United States are likely to go up in time for Christmas. Worse, there will be serious shortages of the high-end bicycles that are the lifeblood of thousands of special-

ized bike shops.

Three U.S. manufacturers (Huffy Corp., Murray Ohio Manufacturing Co. and Roadmaster Industries Inc.) domiand Roadmaster Industries Inc.) dominate the U.S. industry. Three big retailers (Kmart Corp., Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Sears, Roebuck & Co.), which sell more than a quarter of all bicycles in the United States, stock only U.S.-made bikes. But the two other big chains (Toys 'R' Us Inc. and the Target unit of Dayton Hudson Corp.) sell imported bicycles as well as domestic brands.

All low-price imports come from Asia,

All low-price imports come from Asia, which, until a few years ago, meant Taiwan and South Korea. Rising wages

along the industrial Pacific rim, however, have led producers to relocate their fac-

Imports have held a fairly steady 40 percent share of the U.S. market because China's export gains have largely come at Taiwan's expense.

The legal threshold for establishing a reasonable indication of material injury" from imports is very low, so no jaws dropped last week when the U.S. Inter-

Dumping charges against Chinese bicycle makers could be disastrous for high-end bike shops - and their customers.

national Trade Commission forwarded the domestic bicycle makers' complaint to the Commerce Department to mea-

sure the degree of dumping.

Dumping is legally defined as selling below "fair market value," which is usually interpreted as less than cost. It is hard to see why private companies would invest in new factories in China in order

to sell below cost. When foreign producers in capitalist countries are accused of dumping, the Commerce Department reconstructs their costs from internal accounting data.

But in earlier cases, the department decided, China is a "nonmarket economy," and it is thus likely to use the method of measuring cost preferred by the domestic bicycle makers — namely. the cost of making similar products in a

third country.

To make the government's job easier. domestic producers have already calculated what it would cost to make Chinese bikes in Indonesia. Not surprisingly, they find that merely to break even, the Chinese would have to raise prices by 51 to 98 percent, depending on the model.

Analysts said the result of high tariffs

would be a combination of increased prices, limited selection and spot shortages by Christmas. The fate of independent bike stores

and their customers would be far worse. Specialty stores sell 95 percent of bicycles costing more than \$200. Most of these are now made in China.

Thus, while virtually none of the bikes sold by independents compete with Huffy, Murray and Roadmaster, punitive tariffs "would be devastating to a good number of the 6,500 independent dealers," said Jay Townley, a consultant to manufacturers and retailers of high-

Even if the department sets very high tariffs, the International Trade Commission could carve out a sanctuary for high-end bicycle makers and their independent retailers, who cannot possibly be injuring the domestic mass-market

U.S. Asks WTO To Set June Date For Japan Talks

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches GENEVA — The United States agreed Friday to World Trade Organization talks with Japan on automobiles and auto parts, a spokesman for the U.S.

Embassy here said. But the U.S. delegation refused a Japanese request that the talks start Monday, proposing instead that the two nations meet in the second half of June.

The Clinton administration plans to impose 100 percent tariffs on Japanese luxury car im-ports to the United States at the end of June as part of Washington's campaign to force Japan to import more U.S. cars and car parts. WTO rules dictate that the

talks begin by Monday under a fast-track procedure or by around June 10 under a less urgent approach.

The U.S. Embassy spokesman said the United States did

not "accept the notion" that the talks were urgent. (AP, Knight-Ridder, AFX, Reuters)

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AT BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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The Lebanese Government invites to tender, Lebanese and non-Lebanese, suitably qualified and interested Operators, who meet the requirements stipulated in the prequalification documents related to this Tender; the main requirement being that the Operator has long experience in operating such facilities to ensure that services offered at Beirut International Airport are of the highest international standards.

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Tenders must be submitted in two separate sealed envelopes:

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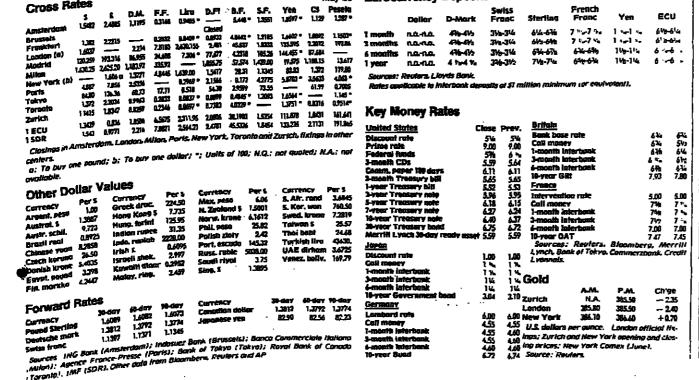
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House Vote: Deregulate Media By Edmund L. Andrews New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Rolling over the protests of several Democrats, the House of Representatives' Commerce Committee has voted to kill most cable television price regulation and to lift scores of restrictions on the number of television, radio and other media properties a single company can own.

The committee voted, 38 to 5, in favor of an bill to overhaul the laws governing virtually every sector of the nation's communications industry. But battles over several particular provisions, which came earlier in the day, were more bitter and

The primary objective of the bill is to knock down regulatory barriers that separate local telephone, long-distance carriers and cable television companies into separate, protected fiefs.

As had been expected, the committee adopted a delicately balanced provision that would let local Bell telephone companies enter the long-distance and cable television industries while forcing them to open up their own markets.

But Republicans on the committee went further Thursday, shooting down decadesold regulations intended to prevent too much concentration of ownership in broadcasting, radio and newspapers.

The bill has strong support from the House speaker, News Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, and is likely to pass the full House this summer. The Senate Commerce Committee has already passed a bill that takes a similar approach, though the House measure is more hawkishly deregu-

But many disputes remain, and the prospects of final passage are unclear.

Still, the action Thursday gave several casters opposed lifting the restrictions, groups, particularly the cable television fearing competition from powerful rivals.

industry and the television networks, virtually everything on their political wish lists.

Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., which is looking for new media properties, was one of many companies that lobbied hard for the ability to own television stations and newspapers in the same market.

Mr. Murdoch, who already owns television properties and newspapers, including The New York Post, has been rumored to be interested in starting a newspaper in Washington, where his company already owns a television station.

ABC, NBC and CBS and other large broadcasters such as Westinghouse Electric Co., Tribune Co. and Ronald O. Perelman's New World Communications Group all lobbied for sharply increasing the number of television and radio stations a company could own nationwide.

But medium-sized and smaller broad-

Ruling Opens Prodigy to Libel Lawsuit

By Peter H. Lewis New York Times Service

In a ruling that could change the nature of on-line information services, a New York judge has cleared the way for a \$200 million libel lawsuit against Prodigy Services Co. by ruling that the popular on-line network was a publisher of information, not just a distributor.

Thus, ruled Justice Stuart L. Ain of state Supreme Court in Mineola, New York, Prodigy — a joint venture of International Business Machines Corp. and Sears, Roebuck & Co. - might be held legally liable

for comments posted electronically by its

The decision Thursday was in response to a motion filed by Stratton Oakmont Inc., a securities investment firm that sued Prodigy in January for libel and defama-

The suit arose from a series of messages posted on Prodigy's "Money Talk" electronic bulletin board in October by an unknown Prodigy user. The messages portrayed Stratton Oakmont, which specialized in penny-stock issues, and its president, Daniel Porush, as criminals and characterized the firm's dealings as fraud.

Stratton Oakmont has been investigated by the Securities and Exchange Commission for reported irregularities and securi-

ties violations.
In his decision, Justice Ain drew a distinction between Prodigy - which uses human monitors and automated systems to remove objectionable material posted to its network - and other information services that merely act as conduits for unfiltered information, much as a bookstore or library distributes information but does

not publish it. We disagree with the findings, and we are currently looking at options," said Brian R. Ek, a Prodigy spokesman.

Stocks Fall on Fear Of Weak Economy

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches plunged for the second day in a row Friday on fallout from a batch of statistics this week that showed the economy may be

weakening substantially. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 4,369.00, down 43.23 points. It fell more

U.S. Stocks

than 50 points twice during the day, both times triggering the New York Stock Exchange's uptick rule" designed to curb some trades done in connection cent from 6.74 percent. with stock-index arbitrage in an effort to stabilize the market.

the 30-stock average then recov-ered by 25 points, at which time lines, fell 114, to 65%. the rule was revoked.

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er, sales of existing homes fell, earnings for 1995. and there were disappointing

ders and auto sales. gained 1.2 percent in April for the rest of the year. Hugh Johnson, chief investment

pport fo NEW YORK — Stocks officer at First Albany Corp., said the rise was due partly to oil prices and the weak dollar, as foreign companies raised their U.S. prices to compensate for

currency differences. The bond market slipped as bond buyers - who normally regard economic slowdowns as anti-inflationary, and therefore good for bond prices - reacted to the possibility of "stagflation," or a weak economy com-

bined with inflation. The price of the 30-year Treasury bond fell 12/23, to 111 6/32; the yield rose to 6.75 per-

Economically sensitive issues, including banks and transportation stocks, fell the The rule was activated at 11 A.M. Eastern time when the most Bankers Trust closed at Dowindustrials plummeted But 614, down 14, and AMR

Ideon Group Inc. was the It was reimposed at 2:58 most actively traded issue on P.M. when stocks reversed the New York Stock Exchange, course and fell more than 50 with 5.9 million shares changoints again. ing hands. The Jacksonville, The industrials fell nearly 26 Florida-based company, which points Thursday after several changed its name this mouth days of worse-than-expected from SafeCard Services Inc. readings on the economy. Un- closed at 94, down 412, on preemployment claims were high-dictions of lower-than-expected

Chipcom Corp. plunged 11% readings on durable-goods or- to 20%, on news that lower shipments of its products by Inter-A Labor Department report national Business Machines showed that import prices Corp. would depress earnings

(AP, Bloomberg, Reuters)

SCOTIA: An Upstart Drugmaker Is Counting on Its Unusual Approach to Turn it Into an International Player

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function of cells in the human body has long been a subject of debate. While the subject continues to receive much attention in academic circles, it has been consistently shunned by drug-

Unable to obtain financing to develop his radical ideas, Dr. Horrobin decided to generate his own funding. With a small government grant in hand, he set up Scotia as a manufacturer of over-the-counter nutritional

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the evening primrose plant.

Today, Scotia's over-thecounter business, combined with revenue generated from four prescription drugs - most

Skeptics initially dismissed Scotia as a peddler of potions with ludicrous ambitions. "The feeling that Scotia has created a of £3.6 million. Analysts said

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The company offered shares to the public in October 1993 at 290 pence each, raising about £38 million. The shares are currently worth about 406 pence.

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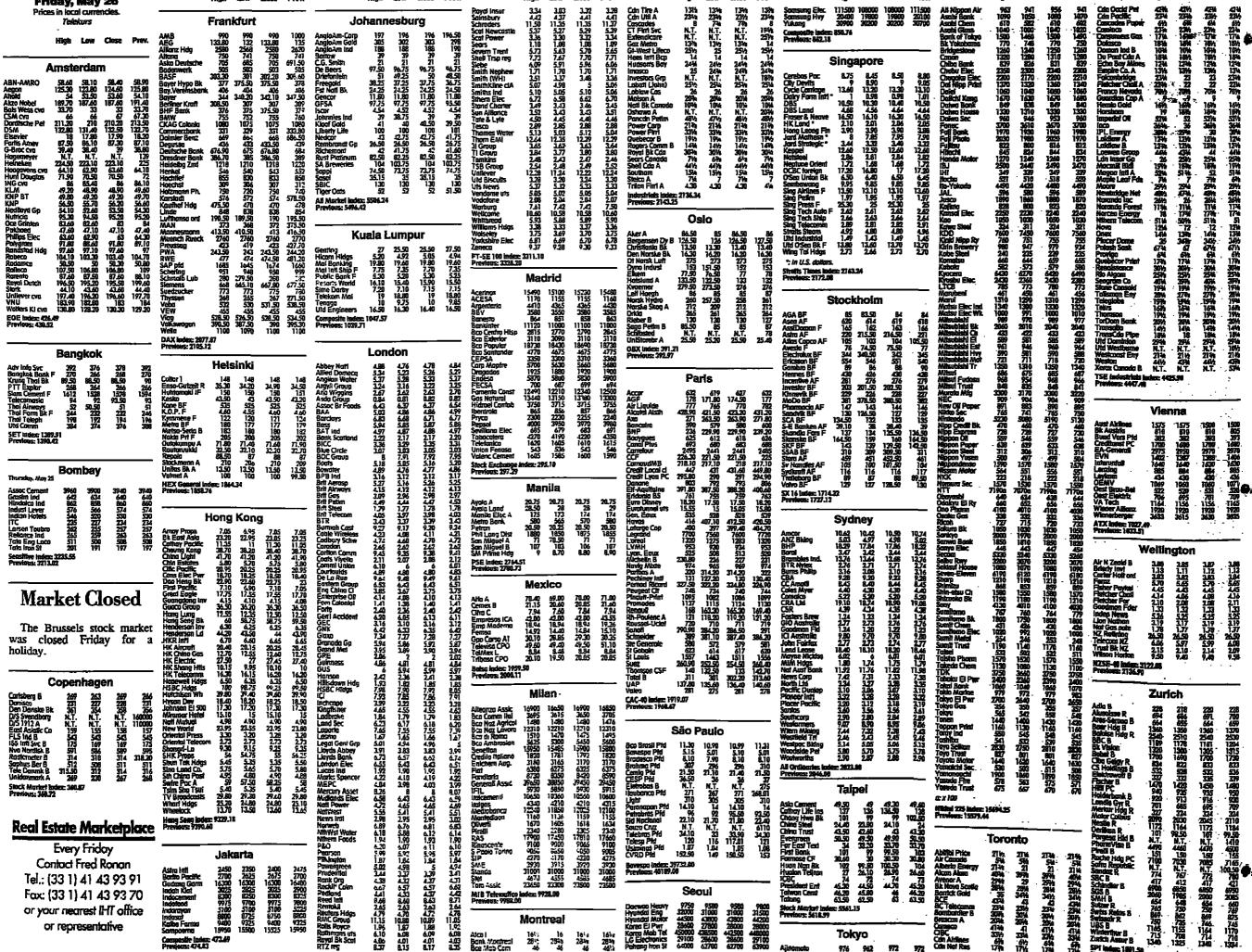
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BBA of Britain Wins Holvis's **Support for Bid**

francs (\$432) a share for Holvis surgical gowns and diapers. Holzstoff AG on Friday, exceeding International Paper Co.'s latest offer for the Swiss paper company.

Holvis's board recommended that shareholders accept BBA's offer, which values the company at 443 million francs, or 466 million francs if management stock options are exercised. International Paper, based in New York, offered 435 francs a

Shares in BBA, a British industrial conglomerate, closed at a record 235.5 pence (\$3.78), up 17.5. Holvis shares finished in Zurich at 490 francs, up 47.

International Paper, whose offer expires Tuesday, has already acquired 25 percent of Holvis and has an option on 6 percent more. It bought its stake at 435 francs a share and could exercise the remaining option at the same price.

If International Paper chooses not to make a higher bid, it could exercise its option and deliver BBA nearly a third of the outstanding shares at a profit of 65 francs each, or 14 million francs.

Even if BBA fails to complete the takeover, Holvis has committed itself to selling BBA its Fiberweb Group AG unit for 250 million francs, which would

Dutch Foresee

\$3 Billion Sale

The Associated Press

THE HAGUE - The

government said Friday it

expected to raise about 5

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BBA's agreement to buy Fiberweb is "legally binding," said Roberto Quarta, BBA's chief executive, even if another company tops its offer for Holvis.

International Paper also has been eager to acquire Fiberweb. It had agreed to sell Holvis's Mühlebach unit if it took control of Holvis.

BBA said it would consider seiling the Mühlebach unit but had not made a final decision. Mr. Quarta said BBA would

finance the acquisition of Holvis from existing resources. ■ Hochtief to Raise Stake

Hochtief AG, a German construction company, agreed to buy a 10 percent stake in a rival, Philipp Holzmann AG, from Commerzbank AG in a move that could raise its stake to 34.9 percent, Bloomberg Business

News reported from Frankfurt. The purchase will be completed only if a German court now reviewing the matter permits a closer relationship between Germany's two largest building companies.

Commerzbank said it had acted as an intermediary in the transaction, buying the 10 percent stake over the past week from BfG Bank AG, the German unit of Crédit Lyonnais SA of France.

Africa's Bank Stalemate Tempers Flare as Election Is Put Off

ABUJA, Nigeria - The African Development Bank agreed Friday to adjourn presidential elections for three months and meet again in Ivory Coast, after Thursday's vote ended in stalemate.

Delegates to the bank's annual assembly in the Nigerian capital said that to rescue its international credibility, the bank needed to resolve its problems before a World Bank meeting at the end of September.

Bank sources said the meeting would be on Aug. 25 in Abidjan, the bank's headquarters. The bank's current president, Babacar Ndiaye, is to end his term Aug. 31.

Five rounds of voting for a new president ended in stalemate Thursday. Many delegates laid the blame on Nigeria, the bank's biggest shareholder, with 10.53 percent of the votes, for not withdrawing its third-place candidate and transferring the votes to one of the top two candidates

Nigerian officials accused the bank's non-regional members, led by the United States, of ganging up on them.

Howard W. French of The New York Times reported earlier from Abidjan, Ivory Coast: For 30 years, the African Development Bank has dispensed advice and loaned money in volumes that place it second only to the World Bank among international lenders for Africa's economic development.

But as the African Development Bank has prepared for the election of a new president. bitter exchanges over allegations of corruption have nearly overshadowed a critical debate over the bank's lending policies.

Furthermore, African members of the bank and the industrial nations that provide 35 percent of its \$24 billion in capital are in a tense debate over the need to restructure the bank's approach to lending.

Although the corruption allegations have been simmering for months, they only became public when the departing president. Babacar Ndiaye of Senegal, circulated a memorandum last week to the bank's gover-

nors, the top supervisory body, alleging shady dealings by bank directors.

In his memo, Mr. Ndiaye portrayed many of the 18 directors as more concerned with their own finances and perquisites than with African development.

Though he did not identify which of the directors - 12 Africans and six Westerners - he considered guilty of such practices, insiders say the allegations involve both African and non-African board members.

Mr. Ndiaye's assertions drew a blistering written rebuke from the board, which saw them as "worrisome changes in the behavior" of an embittered president.

Beyond the trading of accusations looms a broader debate over lending policies that may determine whether the bank can remain an important player in the continent's finances.

The bank's members are in arrears for \$600 million in loan repayments — largely from loans for poorly conceived and supervised projects, its critics say. This unpaid debt, and the insolvency of other countries, has left only 14 of the 52 member states eligible to borrow under current policies.

African members have said that an increase in capital is vital to meet the needs of the world's poorest continent. But donor countries say they will provide more money only if they are given a bigger role in management. The United States, which provides 6 percent of the bank's capital, more than any other non-African member, supports that position.

"The Western powers do not want the African members of the ADB to decide on their own who should get a loan from the bank," said B.O. Tonwe, the director from Nigeria, the largest African shareholder. "That is the main struggle going on here."

Mr. Tonwe said donors were increasingly using their financial influence to impose political criteria on lending, penalizing countries like his own, which have come under international criticism over questions of democracy

Lufthansa **Sets Deal** With South African Air

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches FRANKFURT — Lufthansa AG said Friday it had formed an alliance with South African Airways to coordinate flights and frequent flyer programs.

The alliance of Lufthansa with Africa's biggest airline, signed Thursday in Johannesburg but not disclosed until Friday, does not involve cross-sharcholding. It will take effect at the start of 1996. Lufthansa said.

The two companies agreed to coordinate passenger and freight route schedules and to study the possibility of sharing airline codes as well as joint sales, marketing and training.

Lufthansa announced a similar alliance this month with Scandinavian Airlines System. In the past two years, the German airline has forged alliances with United Airlines, a unit of UAL Corp.; Varig SA of Brazil; Thai Airways International; Ansett Airlines of Australia, a unit of News Corp., and Canadian Airlines International.

Those deals helped propel Lufthansa to a group net profit of 302 million Deutsche marks (\$216 million) in 1994, its first year of private ownership, after three unprofitable years.

The airline reported a pretax loss of 53 million DM in the first quarter of this year, citing weak winter air travel. Lufthansa shares closed Fri-

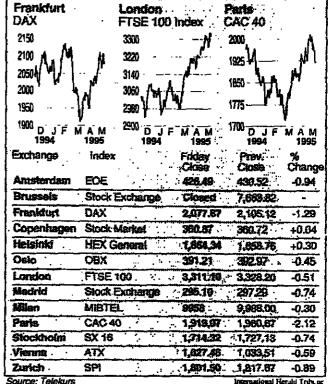
day at 190 DM, down 5.50. (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP)

■ German Inflation Falls

Inflation in Western Germany fell to 2.1 percent in May, its lowest level in six and one-half years, a development that economists said increased the likelihood of a reduction in interest rates by the Bundesbank, Reuters reported from Wiesbaden. Helped by lower import

prices after a sharp appreciation of the mark, consumer prices rose just 0.1 percent in May from April, according to provisional figures released by the Federal Statistics Office. The annual inflation rate,

which was lower than expected, brings inflation close to the German central bank's target of less than 2 percent, a goal that some economists could be reached this summer.



Investor's Europe

Very briefly:

 Telefónica Internacional, a unit of Telefónica de España SA, said net profit in the first quarter rose 14 percent, to 4.43 billion pesetas (\$35.8 million), on strong growth in Peru and Argentina. The European Union has lodged a complaint with the World Trade Organization accusing Japan of imposing a tax on imported alcoholic drinks four to six times as great as that on locally produced products, according to Alain de Pracomtal, chairman of LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton, which backs the action.

The Netherlands' gross domestic product in the first quarter grew 1.8 percent from the previous quarter and 3.4 percent from the year-earlier period, the Central Bureau for Statistics said.

• Compagnie Générale des Eaux said its chairman, Guy Dejouany, will appear in court June 12 on corruption charges stemming from the awarding of a water supply contract in the French overseas department of La Réunion.

GWR Group PLC said it planned to buy Chiltern Radio PLC for £21.1 million (\$34.1 million.) or £3.25 a share. GWR, a U.K. radio operator, already owns 2 percent of Chiltern Radio. The British government said Tuesday it planned to amend rules limiting ownership of radio stations.

Aegon Delays Bid for Vital

Bloomberg Business News THE HAGUE - Aegon NV said Friday it had postponed its 70 percent state-owned. bid for the Norwegian insurer from Den norske Bank AS.

advised its shareholders to wait until Norwegian authorities have made their position clear.

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Ministry could decide to throw out the bid from DnB, which is lo The Ict

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"I personally regard Aegon's Vital Forsikring AS until regu- as the better offer," Bjorn Elveslators considered a rival bid tad, Vital's chief executive, said. "They will keep Vital as an inde-Vital's supervisory board has pendent Norwegian company."

Aegon said three weeks ago it planned to offer 2.7 billion kroner (\$427 million) for Vital. A few days later. Den norske banks and insurers are looked made an offer valuing Vital at

Five to Go After Belgian Phone License

BRUSSELS - At least five heavyweight consortia are expected to be in the competition for Belgium's second mobiletelephone network when bidding closes Monday, industry sources said Friday.

.The main contenders are a consortium led by the utility holding company Tracte-bel SA and its British partner Vodafone and another called Mobilis, led by the U.S. telecommunications company BellSouth and the Belgian Gevaert group of compa-

The Finance Ministry said the proceeds would Tractebel's chief executive, Philippe Bodson, said he saw the bidding for the mobile license as the most difficult chalnot make a dent in the Dutch budget deficit leage of his professional career.

"To do this offer, we have worked like animals," he told the newspaper Le Soir. "And then," he added, "do you think it is easy to convince shareholders we are agreeing to colossal investments which will not have any positive influence on Tractebel's results before 1999 or 2000?"

Belgium's mobile-phone market is currently a monopoly of the state telephone company Belgacom. It has a subsidiary, Belgacom Mobile, in which AirTouch of the United States holds 25 percent.

The initial outlay of funds for the second network will be substantial, but industry sources say the return in the long run

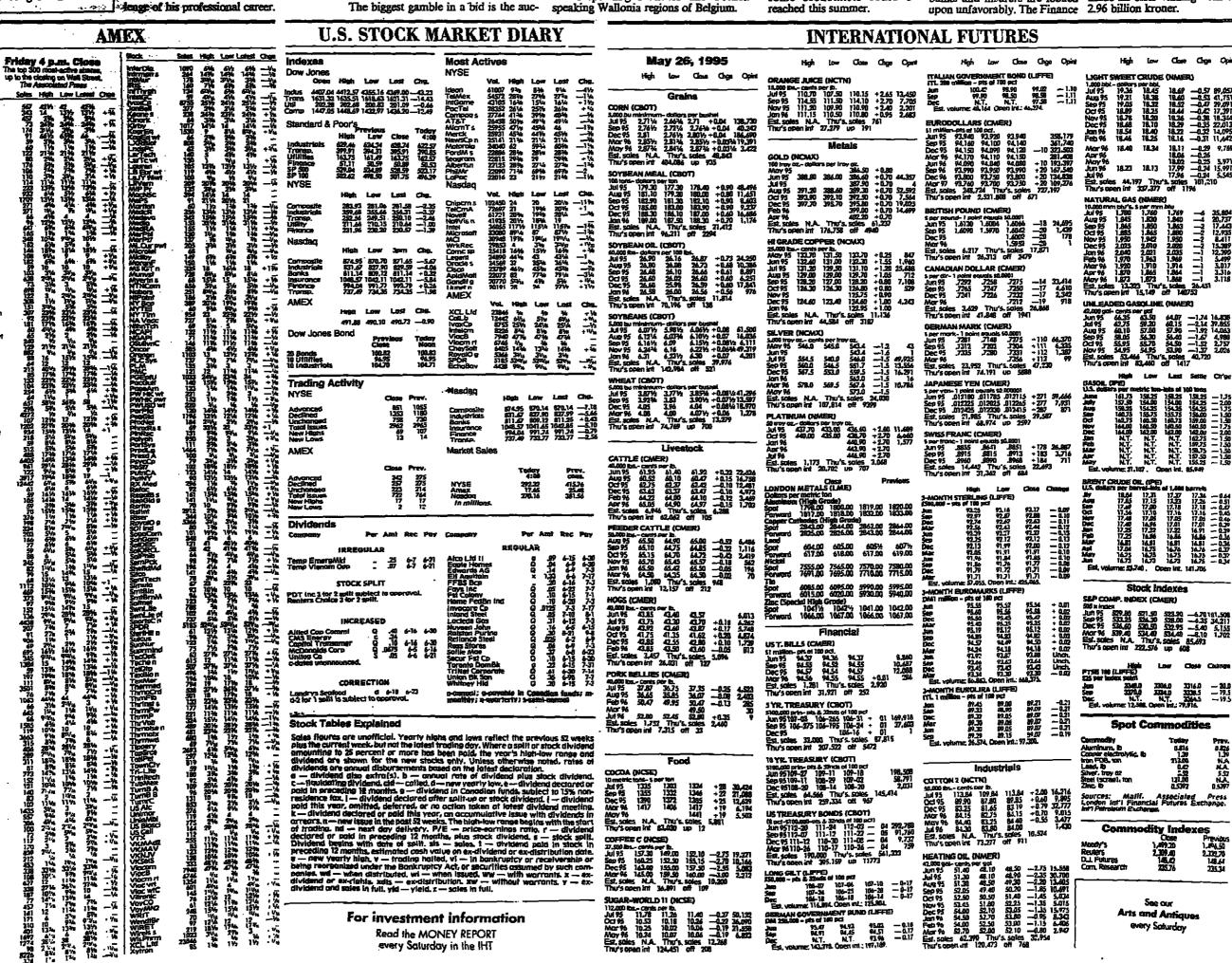
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tion price, which has been given a weighting of 49 percent in deciding which group will get the contract. The bids are to be decided by the Bel-

gian Institute of Postal and Telecommunication Services. Terms include a 3.5 billion franc (\$120 million) "concession fee" for the 15-year license. Just 10 days before the bids were due.

Tractebel was in talks with the BellSouth consortium to make a joint offer. The talks

Industry sources say a key part of pulling together consortia has been finding the right linguistic mix of partners between the Dutch-speaking Flanders and French-



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Compiled by Our Staff From Disposiches TOKYO Nippon Tele graph & Telephone Corp. said Friday that higher phone rates and staff cuts had helped it post its first rise in annual profit in

NTT said consolidated current profit rose 42 percent, to 198.58 billion yen (\$2.29 billion). Current profit is before taxes but includes gains or losses posted on investments. NTT said con-

Fuji Denies Claim That Japan's Film Market Is Closed

AFX News TOKYO - Fuji Photo Film Co. on Friday denied claims by Eastman Kodak Co. that the Japanese film and photo market was closed to foreign manu-

Fuji Photo said the country's imports of film and photographic paper had increased rapidly in recent years on the

back of the yen's appreciation. "This shows that Kodak's claim about the Japanese photo market is off the mark," Fuji

Kodak last week filed a petition with the U.S. government under Section 301 of U.S trade law, asking the government to investigate alleged anti-competitive trade practices in the Japanese photographic film and paper market

Fuji Photo said: "In Japan, import duties for color film and photo paper are zero percent. On the other hand, the United States imposes 3.7 percent import duties.

"Kodak says Fuji Photo Film's share in Japan is abnormal, but our market share is higher than that of Kodak not only in Japan but also in the Asian region," it said. Fuji has a 70 percent market share in Japan; Kodak has 10 percent.

Fuji pointed out that Kodak's market share in the United States is 70 percent, while Fuji Photo's is 10 percent. solidated sales rose 6 percent, to 7.04 trillion yen.

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The company said a voluntary retirement program had trimmed its payroll to 194,700 by March from 215,600 a year earlier. This slashed labor costs by 114.7 billion year.

In addition, a 16 percent increase in basic monthly charges and a rise in directory assistance rates in February lifted profit by 30 billion year, NTT said.

NTT said it expected to have consolidated current profit of 377 billion yen in the current financial year as increased basic phone rates and personnel cuts continued to improve carnings.

Pressure to break up NTT, the world's largest corporation in terms of market capitalization, clouds its future. The government is to present the results of a one-year review of NTT's operating status by March 1996.

NTT has a monopoly in Japan on local calls and holds a 70 percent share of the long-distance market. Critics charge that NTT is

hampering the development of open and fair competition. Privatization of the company began in the 1980s, but the state still owns a majority of it.

NTI's competitors allege it uses its monopoly of the local telephone network to obtain access to crucial business information and to delay or thwart new services.

Eric Gan, an analyst at Goldman, Sachs & Co., said the gov-ernment could either split NTT's long-distance and local telephone business or break up

the company by regions.

Steven Hughes of Morgan
Stanley & Co. said a break-up of NIT would produce significant gains in shareholder value. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

■ Profit Outlook Hits DDI

Shares in the long-distance phone company DDI Corp. fell 7 percent, to 654,000 year, after the company said profit for the current year would be lower than expected because of the cost of setting up a portable phone network, Bloomberg Business News reported.

Japan Leads a World Bond Rally Slower Growth and Deflation Encourage Bullishness

TOKYO - Bonds are back in style now that growth appears to be subsiding in the world's major economies.

Nowhere is this more apparent than in Japan, where widespread belief that the country's fragile recovery is on the verge of collapse is driving interest rates to record lows.

Overnight lending rates and threemonth rates on certificates of deposit fell to record lows Friday, while the benchmark 10-year government bond yield fell to its lowest level since 1987 - to 2.92 percent, from 2.97 percent.

"The Japanese economy is going nowhere, and that means investors have nowhere to go but bonds," said Satoru Igarashi, a fund manager at Nissan Fire & Marine Insurance Co. He predicted that the yield on 10-year bonds would fall to 2.5 percent.

Lower yields mean higher prices, and that is encouraging investors to buy bonds now in hopes of selling them at a profit later.

Japan is not alone in its slowdown. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development on Tuesday lowered its economic growth and inflation forecasts for nearly all its 25 member countries for this year and next.
Friday's drop in Japanese rates con-

tinued a rally in bonds that has pushed

yields down 1.65 percentage points since the end of December.

Rates started to fall in January after a devastating earthquake in Kobe cast doubt on the economy's ability to grow.

They sank further when a rise in the yen staggered the economy in early March, touching off dellation. The combination of a higher yen cutting export income and falling domestic prices threatened the profits of many Japanese

In April, the Bank of Japan cut its discount rate to a historic low of 1 percent, hoping to stimulate the economy and stem the yen's rise.

In addition, the Nikkei stock average's loss of 20 percent since the beginning of the year has caused many stock investors to switch to fixed-income securities such as bonds.

Expectation of a weak domestic economy is all the incentive many investors need to pick up more bonds. Still, not everyone is convinced the

economy is weak enough to justify such a dramatic rise in bond prices. "There's no fundamental evidence

that the economy is slowing as much as the markets seem to believe," said Yasushi Okuda, an economist at BZW Securities Ltd. "Once the numbers on the econonly come out, the markets will correct

global economic slowdown and slowing inflation will create the perfect environment for bond investments to appreciate. Inflation, which erodes the value of

Nevertheless, many analysts say a

bonds, is not much of a concern in major markets, said Paul Donovan, an analyst at UBS Securities in London, and "consequently, yields are falling pretty much around the world." For its part, the U.S. Treasury bond

market has been rallying this week on signs that the U.S. economy is slowing. The euphoria we're seeing in the U.S. bond market is spilling into the Japanese market as well," said Dick Beason, a strategist at James Capel.

"People are thinking a U.S. slowdown means falling interest rates worldwide." Far from worrying about inflation, Japan is struggling with its opposite -

deflation. For the third straight month, prices on goods and services fell in Tokyo. The Management and Coordination Agency said the Tokyo consumer-price index for May fell 0.1 percent from a year ago.

When inflation is accelerating, the stream of payments that bond holders earn buys less and less. But if prices are falling, these payments become more

"There are just no reasons to sell," said Akihiko Nakagawa, a bond special-

Japan's Steel Companies Post Losses

TOKYO — Japan's five biggest steel companies posted losses Friday for the second consecutive year, but all predicted a return to profit this year because of costcutting and prospects for higher steel prices. Nippon Steel Corp. posted a group pre-tax loss of 12.19 billion yen (\$141 million) for the year to March 31, compared with a

loss of 36.73 billion yen the previous year. Revenue rose to 2.88 trillion yen from 2.75 The parent company alone managed to swing back to profit because of restructur-

ing and an increase in domestic steel shipments. But Nippon said the yen's continued strength would keep the company under pressure. "The yen's strength is the biggest prob-

lem confronting our economy," said To-shio Miki, representative director and executive vice president of Nippon Steel.

Each time the dollar falls by one yen, Nippon Steel said, the company loses 1 billion yen in sales. The dollar fell 17.8 yen against the Japanese currency during the 1994-95 financial year.

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Kobe Steel Ltd., which was battered by the earthquake in January, said it expected its group pretax loss to be 5.5 billion yen for the year. The company has not yet reported consolidated results, but the parent company alone posted a loss of 18.86 billion yen for 1994-95.

In 1993-94, Kobe Steel had a group loss of 8.6 billion yen.

Still, Kobe Steel expects to bounce back this year and is predicting a current profit of 35 billion yen for the year through March 1996 and 1.18 trillion ven in sales.

The company hopes to benefit from the rebuilding of the Kobe region and plans to continue cutting costs. The earthquake caused 109.6 billion yen of damage to the company's factories, offices and facilities.

Sumitomo Metal Industries Ltd. posted a group pretax loss of 24.26 billion ven.

ous year. Sales rose to 1.33 trillion yen from 1,22 trillion yen. The company said it hoped to regain

profit by cutting costs in personnel and general expenses. It said it expected demand would match that of last year. Kawasaki Steel Corp. posted a group pretax loss of 26.07 billion yen for 1994-95, compared with 37.0 billion yen the previ-ous year. Sales slipped to 1.15 trillion yen

from 1.19 trillion yen. NKK Corp. posted a group pretax loss of 38.66 billion yen for the year, down from

NKK said a lighter debt burden and restructuring would help it return to profit this year.

"The steel industry saw production shipments recover," NKK said. "But the recent sharp appreciation of the yen and declines in price forced us into a difficult situation." (AFP, Bloomberg)

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In Search Of the **Greater Fool**

or the aesthete, collecting things is simple enough to analyze. To col-lect is to make straightforward, declarative statements of value. A collector of fine art is effectively saying that art is important — and the items in a collection particularly so.

Some would take this argument and say that, by logical extension, collecting is more than just declaration. They would say that it is a form of interpretation, an expressive act akin to artistic statement. But this is an issue best left to the aesthetes.

For the financial analyst, the business of collecting is also centered on value. But the value here is purely financial. It is sad and simplistic but true: For an object to have value financially, all you need is to know of someone, somewhere, who will pay more than you did. What you need, in short, is what the more cynical financial commentators like to call a greater fool.

The supply of greater — or at least like-minded — fools should dominate the financial analysis of any would-be investor in one of the specialist collectible markets. Baseball cards, long traded among enthusiasts, have made headlines in recent years with spectacular sums fetched at the top end of the market. But if you aren't thinking of shelling out five figures for Wayne Gretsky's picture of Ty Cobb, you will no doubt be interested in what sells for \$10 or \$100. And supply and demand being key determinants of price, you will want to know how many would be purchasers are out there: Obviously, the more people willing to buy, the easier the sale will be, and the higher the price. Here endeth the lesson

Of course, all markets have their special features, and the real world of buying and selling in collectibles is very different from screen-based trading in shares and currencies. Nobody gets obsessed by, say, IBM convertible debeatures, as some do by rare stamps or wines. So if you find a collector more eccentric than yourself, you might just get lucky.

First column | Fine Arts Attract New Generation of Serious Collectors



Andrew Lloyd Webber paid \$29.2 million for his Picasso.

When wine is fine Pop's popular paraphenalia Coins at above face value Classic cars, variable prices

By Aline Sullivan

FTER nearly seven lean years. the art market is returning to health. And although no one expects a repeat of the boom times of the 1980s, sellers and buyers both are being lured back into the arena.

Confirmation of the trend came in New York on May 8, when Picasso's portrait of his friend Angel Fernández de Soto, also known as "The Absinthe Drinker," was an anonymous buyer in New York for \$13 bought by British composer Andrew Lloyd million, almost twice the pre-sale estimate Webber for \$29.2 million. It was the high-

At the same Sotheby's auction, "The Hindu Pose" by Henri Matisse was sold to an anonymous buyer for \$14.9 million, an all-time high for the artist.

More exciting still to many art market watchers was the sale on the following day of Monet's "Vue de L'Eglise de Vernon" for \$3.7 million to a Japanese dealer. Sotheby's officials reckoned that the dealer was acting on behalf of a private Japanese collector, a species rarely sighted at auctions since Tokyo stock-market values plunged in 1990.

Recent successes have not been confined to big-ticket Impressionist and modem paintings: Auctioneers and dealers are also reporting strong sales of jewelry, fur-

niture and ceramics

Fine Art Auctioneers' Oriental Department in London, cited the example of a Satsuma pottery vase, made between 1869 and 1912, which fetched £7,200 (\$11,308) on May 17. That compared with a pre-sale estimate of between £2,000 and £3,000.

Anthony Streatfeild, managing director of Christie's International in London, believes the headline sales of Impressionist and modern paintings spur on the fine art market as a whole. "We have been getting some very good

dors to see this as a good time to sell and buyers to feel more confidence in the mar-Mr. Streatfeild said. Buyers may be slightly different in different markets but there are more simi-

larities among people who collect. So now there is general feeling of confidence." Earlier this month. Christie's sold Van an anonymous buyer in New York for \$13 of \$7 million. Other recent surprises have est price paid for any painting in five included the auctioneer's sale of a Chippendale tea table for more than twice the

pre-sale estimate and a Kirman Persian rug

for triple the estimate. lan Kennedy, a specialist in Old Masters at New York dealers Simon Dickinson, is less convinced than Mr. Streatfeild that good prices in one part of the art market spill over into others. "The Picasso price certainly does no harm and it may help our market a bit but the markets remain quite separate," he said.

More helpful to the fine art market as a whole has been the recent appearance of new private buyers, noticeably Americans, who are bidding for works worth between \$200,000 and \$500,000 each, said Mr. Kennedy. These new collectors tend to make their debut at auction house sales and buy make fine art a lucrative investment. Plenty through dealers only once they have gained of collectors now appear to be willing to Desmond Healey, a manager at Philips some confidence and experience. Conse-

quently, the auctions earlier this month in New York serve less as a preview of next month's London sales and more as an indicator of how dealers will fare in coming months.

It will be some time before these collectors flock to dealers of Old Masters. however. Old Masters are thought to be more of an acquired taste than Impressionist or modern paintings, and most buyers are extremely knowledgeable. That makes the market more stable, which is a mixed blessprices lately which are encouraging vening for investors: Prices are unlikely to collapse, but fewer entrants to the market mean that works take longer to sell.

But the interest of these new collectors in other works of art appears wide-ranging. In the major New York auctions earlier this month, more than 90 percent of Christie's offerings and more than 80 percent of Sotheby's were sold over a two-day period.

Collectors are feeling sufficiently confident to stretch out and pay pretty high prices for works that are unlikely to come up again soon," observed David Nash, head of Impressionist pictures for Sotheby's. "Buyers obviously feel more prosperous than they have in several years."

But auctioneers remain loath to talk about investing in the market, insisting that art for art's sake should still be the prime motive for buyers. They point out that, despite recent gains, investing in works of art over a two- or three-year period isn't a great idea: Handsome short-term profits, a phenomenon of the late 1980s, are not much in evidence today.

And although art works can offer impressive capital appreciation, they commonly generate no profits between sales. Instead they cost money, both to maintain and to insure. Buyers have to be sure of their purchase and willing to take a long-term view to

Demand from Asia Fuels Market for Rare Stamps

By Rupert Bruce

one lucky Chinese businessman He sold the 1912 Republic Commemoration Imperforate Essays, a set of un-

N THE first Thursday in May, cashed in a few chips from his by's, the auction house that conducted the stamp collection at a vast profit.

May 4 Hong Kong stamp sale, says this is far from unusual in Southeast Asia. Investment in stamps is becoming popular in the region, and investors are making money as prices rise. "There are plenty of **Best Performing Mutual Funds** examples of stamps that have recently sold Comment for a factor of five or six times what they ny, Ireland, Italia were worth a few years ago," Mr. Banwell

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Says.

The 1990s have seen a boom in Asian China. Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand and Taiwan. Prices have rocketed skyward, and local enthusiasts have flocked to sales in increasing numbers — partly to satisfy an urge to buy fine souvenirs from their his-

tory, but mainly to speculate.

John Bull, managing director of Hong Kong stamp auction house John Bull Stamps, believes that "90 percent of the buying is with money in mind."

Speculation and investment, however, are frowned on in the stamp world. When investment became fashionable in Britain during the 1970s, British stamp prices rose fast, only to collapse in the early 1980s. Mr. Banwell says he knows 25 Britons who lost hundreds of thousands of pounds, and many stamp experts believe the episode not only burned many fingers but also did irreparable damage to the British stamp

In Europe and North America today, stamp buying for investment is extremely rare, and the vast majority of buyers are pure collectors.

The question exercising the minds of stamp experts is whether the stamp markets of Southeast Asia will experience a similar crash to Britain's. None doubt that there is some speculative froth, but they wonder whether there is a core of steadfast de-

Mr. Bull, for example, regards the pre-

accepted designs for Chinese stamps, for sent phase as having a large element of value of 1.40 Hong Kong dollars for a pair accepted designs for Chinese stamps, for 161,000 Hong Kong dollars (\$19,600), fashion. "One thing gets hot for a few years and then falls off and another thing gets hot for a few years and then falls off," he says.

Sent phase as naving a large element of stamps at issue to about 200 dollars of stamps at issue from the 1969 Year of the for a few years and then falls off," he says.

Cock has performed better still and has "A few years ago the U.K. market was hot

and then just dropped."
Nonetheless, Mr. Bull notes that Asian stamp prices have been rising steadily since he set up shop 17 years ago. It is only in the 1990s that the trend has accelerated at a dizzying pace. The most commonly cited example of the long-term price rise is

1970 but today costs roughly £160,000.

There are other equally telling examples.

growth rates of 6 percer roughly the same level.

risen from the same face value to 600 dollars.

Many specialists contend that there is a sound basis for these price rises. Mr. Banwell argues that Asian stamp prices are merely catching up with those in the West as the economies in the region emerge and people become wealthier. What's more, he the 1897 Small One Dollar, a Chinese adds, the demand for stamps is very broadstamp, which cost about £1,000 (\$1,570) in ly based, and Asian economies boast Wild Goose stamp design from 1912. growth rates of 6 percent and inflation at



Modern Hong Kong Chinese New Year issues have shot up in price just a short time after issue. The first of these issues, the 1967 Year of the Ram, has risen from a face.

Toughly the same level.

But Marcus Orsi, a director of philately at the Geneva auctioneer David Feldman SA, which is holding its first Singapore sale in September, is worried just the same. "The keep that 10 percent residue." concern when you have a market emer

Oriental Rug Prices Are Near the Floor

By Ann Brocklehurst

HEN an anonymous buyer paid a record amount for an Oriental carpet at auction last month, he proved the point that it is only the rarest and oldest of rugs that are currently rising in price.
The buyer spent \$992,500 for an Indian

rug which is one of only 12 known examples from the so-called Millefleur group of Mughal carpets. The rug, which dates from the 17th or 18th century, had been in the collection of the Vanderbilt family of the United States for nearly 100 years.

Although Oriental carpets have been in and out of fashion and up and down in price several times since the 1960s, they have never been either as popular or as expensive as they were in the first few decades of this century. With the exception of the very best rugs, Oriental carpets — be they collectible, decorative or mass-market now sell for relatively reasonable, even

added that prices are down 10 percent to 20

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Because of the mechanization of spin-

ning, the use of synthetic dyes and the old. While there has been a return, on a er and art historian Posy Benedict says limited scale, to hand-spinning and natural some of the carpets have a "rather weird dyeing in the last two decades, experts are aesthetic." She also wonders what the coldivided on whether the carpets now pro- ors, which are mellow to begin with, will duced using these methods are indeed col- look like in 30 to 40 years.

George Jevremovic, a former dealer in antique rugs, began producing hand-spun, naturally dyed carpets in Turkey 10 years ago. Originally he bought rugs from a Turkish cooperative called DOBAG, which stands for Natural Dye Research and Union who have arrived in New York in Development Project in Turkish. But Mr. recent years have been shocked to find that Jevremovic found the DOBAG carpets lacked diversity of design, color and size so he set up his own production and has now become the largest private-sector employer in the southeastern Turkish state of Adiya-

Some 9,000 weavers, mostly young women, produce 7,000 rugs a year for Mr. cneap, prices.

Mary Jo Otsea, vice president and director of the rug department at Sotheby's in New York, says most collectible rugs cost \$5,000 to \$10,000, while extremely good examples can fetch over \$20,000. She examples can fetch over \$20,000. She added that referee are down 10 percent to 20

They have the same integrity as a carper made 100 years ago," says Mr. Jevre-movic. "We've revived the workshop car-

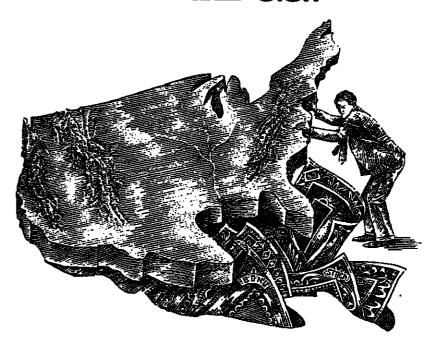
introduction of mass-production techniques in the late 19th century, most collectors have little interest in carpets less than 100 years temporary collectibles, but the rug apprais-

The United States is still considered the best market in the world for antique Oriental rugs due to the estimated one million carpets that came into the country from the 1870s to the early 1920s. In fact, many of the immigrants from the former Soviet rugs from the Caucasus that change hands in Russia for the equivalent of \$10,000 fetch only \$1,000 to \$2,000 in the United States.

Would-be rug buyers should be aware that acquiring an antique rug on vacation is not always a bargain. While mass-produced carpets are comparatively cheap, antique rugs often cost more in their countries of

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Connoisseurs Find Top French Vintages Are Best at Holding Value

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AST year's savvy wine connoisscurs are probably feeling prenty pleased with themselves. Prices for some French reds have more than doubled in the past year and — if you're prepared to run with the bulls and believe what they say - further gains look

'Now is a good time to sell, particularly said Paul Bowker, a wine expert at Christie's International in London. "Anyone holding a 1982 Bordeaux could sell it at about twice last year's price and about ten times that paid back in 1983."
Until this year, the market for French

wines belonged mostly to buyers. A string of great vintages in the 1980s depressed values when they swamped the market anyone to predict how well a wine will age: year and we are confident they will rise several years later. But then came the relit narrows the gap between the seasoned another 30 percent this year."

atively poor vintages of 1991, 1992 and connoisseur and the first-time buyer.

1993, forcing often dramatic reassessThere are other daunting aspects to ments of prices for earlier wines. A 1983 Cheval Blanc Bordeaux, for example, has risen 50 percent in value over the past

auctioneers. Buying wine before it was bottled, or en primeur, was the rage in the fessional storage companies. These charge 1980s when buyers and wine brokers anticipated great vintages. But this futures market became less appealing as the vintages deteriorated and buyers turned instead to the older wines held by auction

bought en primeur usually offers the best potential returns because it is difficult for

vesting in wine. Fine wines need to age at least ten years, and poor storage is likely to turn an investment to vinegar. Dealers are reluctant to purchase wine that has been This is good news for London's wine stored by amateur collectors, so most serious buyers store their wine with proabout £5 (\$7.85) per case per year.

UT the market for fine French wines still holds plenty of promise for potential buyers. Stephen Browett, a wine broker at Of course, good news for auctioneers is Farr Vintners in London, notes a lot of not usually good news for buyers, par-interest now in 1990 Bordeaux. "The 1990 ticularly for novices. Experts say that wine wines look likely to be the last of the classics for a considerable time," he says.

Although they are expected to fetch
"Many are already up 20 percent since last
£100 and more per bottle, brokers still classics for a considerable time," he says.

at Château Lascombes in the Margaux area of the Bordeaux region agrees: Within the last 18 months, anyone who has had stock from the three glorious years of 1988. 1989 or 1990 has been besieged. We have gone from feast to famine in a very short

The best of the 1990 vintages appear to be Bordeaux from Pommerol. St. Émilion and Haut-Brion, although experts say that none will rival the vintages of the late

Investors with deep pockets may prefer Château d'Yquem, a white sauternes that is released five years after the vintage is harvested. That means 1990s are just coming up for sale.

consider the wine a good deal now. "There won't be another vintage like it for years."

it really isn't very much."

Buyers hunting for real bargains should

consider port. Drunk almost exclusively in the United States and Britain, the heavy, sweet after-dinner wine has suffered from image problems in recent years as people have become more health-conscious and more concerned about drinking before

Now this market is beginning to stir. Prices for 1977 ports have escalated in recent months but prices for younger vintages remain depressed.

Auctioneers claim that the outstanding 1983 and 1987 vintages offer remarkably good value. The 1994 vintage, which will be available for order in the spring of 1997. is also expected to be a success.

Top port shippers are selling 1983s at around £11 per bottle. 'said Mr. Bowker of Christie's. "This is really too cheap. It ton Rothschild and Cheval Blanc."

Andrew Wilson, commercial manager, said Mr. Browett, "For the undisputed best can't be long before prices rise to about £17 a bottle."

London, long been the world center of the wine trade, is an even more attractive place to make a deal because of the weakness of sterling relative to the French franc and other currencies. Wine brokers are marking prices up for newer wines, and as they restock but there are still plenty of bargains to be had.

But buyers with plenty to spend should also consider buying elsewhere. According to Mario Aschwanden, a manager at the wine department at Auktionshaus Steinfels in Zurich, the popularity of the London market with rich collectors means that the very top wines can be overpriced.

"Prices here are not so high yet but they are climbing up." Mr. Aschwanden says. "We are seeing big increases for all the 1982 Bordeaux, especially Château Mou-

That Gary Glitter Poster Could Bring Big Bucks

By Barbara Wall

BBA fans can finally stop feeling ter," sheepish about having hung onto souvenirs of the infamous Swedish popular music group of the 1970s: They could be worth a small fortune.

A set of signatures from all four members - Agnetha Faitskog, Benny Andersson, Bjorn Ulvaeus and Anni-Fryd "Frida" Lyngstad — could be worth \$120, according to pop memorabilia experts. A gold record of a chart-topping hit like "Waterloo" can fetch upwards of \$1,500 at auction.

Even manufactured Abba memorabilia

on conversations with experts. The Fab Four. In Europe, the rock and pop memorabilia market is dominated by the Beatles. Anything signed by the group will command a high price, and a set of four Beatles signatures could feach between \$3,000 to \$4,500. An item which provides insight into the artists' thoughts will fetch even more. A letter written by John Lennon. to Paul McCartney sold in the United States recently for \$60,000.

An item of clothing from one of the may never have been sustained mainstream Beatles could also fetch a mind-blowing successes, but a torn F-shirt with a picture Jum. Christie's has set a reserve price of of Queen Elizabeth II and the word "An-£18,000 for a tan suede jacket worn by John archy" emblazoned on the front — a ref-Lennon on the cover of the album Rubber exence to two Sex Pistols hits, "God Save Soul. If that sounds high, Carey Wallace, a the Queen' and "Anarchy in the U.K."—pop memorabilia specialist for Christie's, can sell for \$300 to \$400 today. says a leather jacket worn by Mr. Lennon in Hamburg sold for £23,000 recently.

In fact, the only Beatles items that do not seem to be worth much are old records that have been out on general release. Steve Maycock, rock 'n' roll specialist for Sotheby's in London, advises that unless the record is special in some way — signed, or a limited edition — it will probably not be of much interest.

 The classics. Souvenirs from the icons of rock 'n' roll — the Doors, Jimi Hendrix, quadrupled in value since his death, to the Rolling Stones, Elvis Presley — continue to attract high bids. Autographs and

"The future. Wet Wet, East 17 and tinue to attract high bids. Autographs and signatures are always popular, though the value will often depend on what is signed.
A signed photograph, for example, is genture the Beatles had in the 1960s. If this conerally more valuable than a signature on a times, Mr. Owen says, "signatures, posters scrap of paper, Ms. Wallace says.

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handwritten song lyric, which bears witness to the artist's creative thought pro-cesses. "The more crossings out, the bet-

"Ms. Wallace says.
1950s rhythm 'n' blues. Wolffers, an auction house in San Francisco, has experienced a growth in demand for pop memorabilia from the late 1950s — the era of Chuck Berry, Little Richard and Fats Domino, among others. "Promotional material for '50s soul bands was not produced in the same quantity as it is today," says Jack Wolffers, vice president of entertainment anctions. "Consequently, most of the endauctions. "Consequently, most of the early posters and souvenirs have not survived the passage of time." A soul poster from the '50s could easily fetch \$1,000, he said.

price of £600 (\$944) on a set of Matchbox portrait dolls modeled on the group, three of them in original boxes.

The message to music buffs and collectors is clear. Hang on to everything, and tell your teenage kids to do likewise. Any pop memorabilia, even items that might ordinarily be consigned to the garbage, could be worth more than you think.

Here is a quick tour of the territory beard on convergence of the property of the territory beard on convergence of the property of the propert posters, badges, or even scarves, have a price at auction," says Ted Owen, rock, pop and entertainment specialist for the Bonham auction house in London.

• The 1970s and 1980s. Souvenirs of Prince, Madonna and Bruce Springsteen are already commanding good prices. A Springsteen promotional poster from 1974-75 can fetch between \$200 and \$600, Mr. Wolffers says: "The more obscure the venue, the higher the sale price."

• Punk. The Sex Pistols and the Clash

"Punk was around for a very brief period, and much of the promotional material has been destroyed," explains Mr. Maycock. "Clothes, instruments and souvenirs from the era are few and far between.

• Grunge. The death in 1994 of Kurt Cobain, lead singer of the band Nirvana, had a major impact on the value of grunge souvenirs. A broken guitar belonging to him fetched \$105,000 several weeks after his death. The singer's autograph has also

other British teeny-bopper bands are havand manufactured items will definitely be The cream of the autograph market is the worth something in years to come."



The Rubber Soul jacket: Jimi's jewelry and plane ticket: a vintage Gibson.

EU Weighs New Measures To Upgrade Wine Quality

By Baie Netzer

UST as collectors of fine wines are turning away from Europe and focusing more of their attention on vintages from California, Australia and South Africa, the European Union is getting bogged down in a reform attempt aimed at boosting the quality of wine produced by EU member-states while at the same limiting production of more pedestrian table wine.

"Basically we have to cut back production and nobody wants to do that," explained Michael Gowen of the agriculture directorate-general of the European Commission, the executive body of the European Union.

'And because we've had relatively poor grape harvests and a reduction in surplus supply recently, people don't feel things are as bad as they are." he added.

The Commission noted a drop in consumption of European wines almost two years ago, and it estimated the decline at 1.6 percent per year in a report to the EU Council of Ministers, made up of representatives of the 15 European Union

Moreover, the report predicted a wine surplus by the year 2000 of 39 million hectoliters (10 billion gallons), out of total production of 178 million hectoliters.

With new imports appearing from East-em Europe, Argentina, Chile, Australia and the United States, the report warned of increased competition while also noting that European wine exports would "undoubtedly even in the best cases hit a

Experts say the dollar's 20 percent loss before they hit the shelves.

Instead, many wine lovers have chosen to buy still-available reserves of French wine from the acknowledged great vintage years 1988, 1989 and 1990.

"Given the weakness of the dollar and the fact that much of the wine is still unsold. we don't think there's any need to rush out and buy it," said John Laird, president of Seagram Chateau and Estate Wines in New

UT just as EU officials have

sought to reorganize wine-sector

policy in the last two years, their attempts have pitted southern member-states such as Italy and Spain against their northern neighbors such as France and Germany. Since the end of the last decade, more

EU members has been classified as "table wine," while half that amount or 30 percent was deemed "quality wine," according to a March 1994 Commission report.

Because definitions of quality wine differ among member states, however, the report noted that "an uncontrolled shift" toward quality wine has occurred in recent

In general, however, most of Europe's table wines are produced in the southern EU nations. These countries, principally Spain and Italy, accounted for almost 70 percent of the table wine produced in Europe in 1991-92. Though these countries also produce

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fine wines, such as Portuguese port, the majority of their production is in the table wine category. In contrast, France controls more than a third of the quality wine market, and Ger-

many enjoyed a market share of about 20 percent as recently as 1992.

Southern countries like Spain and Italy, where most of Europe's table wine is produced, have the most reservations about the proposals.

The EU has attempted to limit wine in value against the mark since the be-ginning of the year has dampened U.S. ducing the amount of land where wine is buyers' enthusiasm both for French wine cultivated. The Commission's 1993 report would normally accrue from a reduction in land "under vine" in southern Europe have been partly neutralized by an increase in land under cultivation in northern Europe - where, as an additional factor,

average yields tend to be higher. 'While areas under vine are dropping, they are not doing so at the same rate as consumption," the report warned.

Although France currently holds the presidency of the European Union, experts expect little progress on wine sector policy, despite the fact that a proposal has existed since last July.

Mr. Gowen added that countries like Spain and Italy, which have the most reservations about the proposals, are next in line for the presidency of the EU. Therefore, he said, "I don't expect us to make much progress in the next year.'

Some Advice to Coin Speculators: Don't Bother

By Digby Larner

THE 1960s many British schoolboys had a mission: to track down and British pennies dated 1933. Rumor had it that serious collecfors paid a fortune for them. At that time, before the

British currency was decimalized and relaunched in 1971. coins dating back as far as the reign of Queen Victoria were freely circulating. Theoretically, a rare and valuable coin could simply turn up in a handful of change. So it may come as a great

disappointment to find out that disappointment to that out that say the market full of often very old from the market, they fled, grades. The difference of a few the many hours spent procuring

By Digby Larner

not the turbo-powered acceler-

ation: It's the rate of depre-

ciation. From the moment you

shift into drive and squeal out of

the showroom, the price drops.

arying a vehicle as an invest-

ment seem like financial mad-

ness, as even the cheapest cars

involve an ongoing commit-

ment to pay for garaging, in-

Yet almost all autos beyond a

surance and repairs.

That fact alone can make

YOU can't see it, but

it's probably the

fastest thing about

your new car. No, it's

change were, in fact, a complete

Mark Rasmussen, a coin specialist with the auctioneer Spinks in London, breaks the news gently: "I'm afraid you didn't stand a chance. Of the seven 1933 pennies known to have existed, all but one have been accounted for and owned by collectors for a very long time." One recently changed hands for £25,000 (\$39,000).

And here lies one of the biggest problems facing coin investors. Most of the more valuable examples have already been picked up by collectors and only resurface very rarely. What is left, say experts, is a

condition. Even some specialist market.

models from as recently as

1990 regularly appear in auc-

Experts say that car enthu-

siasts have two main advan-

tages over other collectors: Au-

thentication and valuation of

autos are usually easier, even

for relative newcomers to the

market, and auto collectors

stand a good chance of making

vided you buy an acknowl-

edged classic car and keep it in

good condition, you'll usually

But buying collectible autos

end up making a bit of money.

said one dealer.

certain age have the potential to is far from a sure-fire bet. Faked

grow in value, provided they prestige autos do turn up, es-

at least a modest profit. "Pro-

tion house camlogues.

more than the collector paid for

"I would never recommend investing in coins," said a peared, leaving the way clear spokesman for Sotheby's auction house in London. "If you want to make money there are far better and safer ways of doing it, like getting into government bonds, for example." In fact, investors flooded into

the coin market in the late 1970s and early 1980s, pushing coin prices to historic highs and forcing out traditional collectors who felt coins had become overvalued. As soon as the newcomers discovered how difficult it can be to draw value and then giving them official

Getting Your Money's Worth Out of Automobiles

have survived in reasonable pecially at the top end of the 1987 to \$450,000 in 1988 and

pends heavily on not overpay-

ing in the first place. In the late

1980s boom years, money

poured into the auto market in

Europe and the United States.

pushing up values phenomenal-

ly. Miles Morris, a senior auto

specialist with the auctioneer

Christie's in London, said a Fer-

rari Lusso 250, which had been

trading at between \$100,000

and \$120,000 was suddenly be-

ing priced at up to \$600,000.

in the 1990s, casualties were

heavy. A Ferrari 275 GTB4

built between 1966 and 1968

Then when the bubble burst

ments, coming out on top de- \$270.000.

and sifting through handfuls of and interesting coins that are pulling down prices by around change were, in fact, a complete unlikely ever to be worth much 30 percent according to some analysts. Since then, in Europe at least,

> for collectors once more and keeping prices steady. Investors in the United States, however, have taken steps to maintain and improve

> the coin market in ways that are not always approved of by all During the last few years U.S dealers have been "slabbing" coins. This involves one of sev-

nearly \$1 million in 1989. By

Since then prices have risen

more steadily, putting on

around 10 percent annually, ac-

cording to some estimates. Al-

though speculation is always a

possibility, "there were so

many burned fingers in the ear-

ly 1990s that people are being a

lot more cautious now," said

For good bets, Mr. Morris

would look at classic cars dat-

ing from the 1950s and 1960s: "The prewar market is pretty

stagnant. They are not very re-

fined vehicles and keeping up

with repairs or even driving stand a better chance of making

Mr. Morris of Christie's.

And, as with most invest- the end of 1991 it had fallen to

leapt from around \$90,000 in them can be a bit daunting."

by several thousand dollars. Many dealers are skeptical about slabbing and claim it was investors have all but disapconcocted purely to generate income for the dealers involved with it, "It probably costs about \$25 to have a coin slabbed and graded," said Mr. Rasmussen. When you think about the thousands of coins that are slabbed each year, it can be very

eral authorized agencies setting the coins in transparent plastic blocks to preserve their quality

lucrative." Moreover, Mr. Rasmussen believes slabbing aims to create a rarity value in coins that are otherwise very common by granting the highest grades to only a few. Saying that a coin can be rare by dint of its condition is "very dangerous," he

The growing focus on newer cars, said Mr. Morris, is mainly

due to the young age of many of

today's buyers, who tend to base their decisions on senti-

fathers owned years ago or

something like an Aston Martin

DB5, because it featured in the

James Bond movie they saw

Whatever you buy, experts

you can afford and in the best

you buy that is in good con-

dition will at least get you your

said Mr. Morris. "But by buy-

ing the best you can afford you

money back when you sell it.

when they were kids."

grades can shift a coin's value

European Union regulations for the pan-European market, are

spread of general and more specialist equity and bond funds." ment: "It could be a car their according to the fund man-

largest market in Europe. Investors there are welcoming the greater choice of investments now available to them through advise always buying the best companies moving into the you can afford and in the best market," added Christiane possible condition. "Whatever Jermyn, sales director for Europe at Baring Global Fund Managers Ltd.

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Barings Funds Tap German Market

German individual investors are often portrayed as conservative types who tend to prefer bonds, money market instruments, and mutual funds that invest in these securities. But German investment habits have been changing over the past few years, with an upturn in investors' interest in shares and risk-oriented investment.

Further evidence of this trend comes with the launch of 14 mutual funds in the German market. Baring Global Fund Managers is marketing its Dublin-based fund range through a network of independent financial advisers. The funds, which conform to

already sold in several other European countries from their tax-privileged domicile in The range of funds will provide investors with "a broad

"Germany is potentially the

Best and Worst **April Bond Markets**

Canada, Finland, Spain

Japan and New Zealand were the places to be last month for Finland (4.8 percent) and Spain dollar-based international bond investors, according to figures published by Kemper Investment Management, the Lon-don-based subsidiary of the ket for the month was France, U.S. mutual fund giant, Kem-

per Financial Services. All of those countries produced average returns of more than 4 percent over the month

(4.7 percent) showed returns particularly enhanced by currency considerations. down an average of 1.02 per-

cent in dollar terms. The weak-

ness of the French franc during that month helped produce this

poor showing,

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it look easy, the Chicago Black-

hawks did it the hard way, but

both teams took 3-0 leads in the

Vancouver in the final minute

of regulation and Chris Chelios

scored 6:22 into overtime as the

Blackhawks handed the Ca-

nucks a heartbreaking 3-2 de-

Bernie Nicholls set up the

game winner when he picked up

the puck at the left point just

inside the blue line and saw

Chelios skating up the middle

Chelios broke in alone as a

Vancouver defenseman dove to

stead, the Chicago defenseman

By Anne Swardson

Washington Post Service

falling fortunes of hockey in Canada, the

owners of the Quebec Nordiques have an-

nounced that the National Hockey League

team is being purchased by Comsat Corp. for \$75 million and will be moved next

The news was a bitter blow to all of

Canada, but in particular to the Quebec

premier, Jacques Parizeau. He heads a pro-

vincial government that wants to separate

from Canada and form an independent

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feat Thursday night.

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"I was fortunate, he was there and I just got it underneath him," said Chelios. "I Western Conference semifinals. found myself one-on-one with Chicago tied the game in the goalie and if I don't know

NHL PLAYOFFS

what I'm going to do, he's probably not going to know, so I got lucky and slipped it in."

Both teams had excellent scoring chances in the surprisingly wide open end-to-end action in overtime, but McLean and Chicago's Ed Belfour both

made sensational saves. Vancouver had dominated the third period and appeared block an expected pass. In- to have the game won until Jeremy Roenick found Murray taked a shot that brought goal-tender Kirk McLean out of his and he stuffed the puck past

In Blow to Quebec, Nordiques Skating to Denver

is likely to further undermine those al-

months sought concessions from Parizeau.

including asking Quebec to build a \$100

million arena for the team and to swallow

an anticipated \$27.8 million operating loss

over the next two years. Instead, the gov-

ernment — already strapped with an enor-

mous budget deficit — made an offer worth about \$37 million under which it

would have become part-owner of the

The owners of the Nordiques had for

ready-flagging efforts.

Russ Courtnall scored both goals for the Canucks, who outshot the Blackhawks, 34-25, with a 16-4 advantage in the third period.

He put the Canucks ahead 2-1 at 13:34 of the third when he stole a bad pass, sped in alone on Belfour and beat Chicago's goalie from in close.

Red Wings 6, Sharks 2: In San Jose, Slava Kozlov scored twice and set up another goal as Detroit again routed the overmatched to move within one victory of the conference final.

Sergei Fedorov added a goal and an assist for the Red Wings, who have outscored the Sharks 18-4 in three games that looked more like tennis scores

than hockey: 6-0, 6-2, 6-2. The Red Wings, upset by San

nation; the fact that Quebec's capital city cannot afford to retain a pro hockey team small-market Canadian cities whose teams

With the sale, Quebec City, population lite telecommunications company.

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net, then slipped the puck past
the Detroit Red Wings made
the sprawled goalie.

McLean with 45 seconds left in
the third period.

Jose in the first round last year,
so dominated play that the so dominated play that the Sharks managed just five shots on goal in the first two periods and were outshot by 36-12 for

the game. Despite the one-sided number of shots, San Jose goalie Wade Flaherty kept it 0-0 until late in the first period, when the Red Wings scored twice in 43

Ray Sheppard took a pass from Keith Primeau just inside the blue line and beat Flaherty with a wrist shot to the glove side with 4:52 left in the period. Fedorov then set up Kozlov with a no-look drop pass between his legs, Kozlov beat the

"The fans were boisterous and getting two quick goals took the fans out of it." Shep-

have been hard-pressed - including Ed-

monton and Winnipeg — to keep their

NHL teams. Those markets cannot keep

up with rising player salaries and the ex-pansion of the NHL into the rich and

ularly in the South and Southwest.

glitzy markets of the United States, partic-

In Denver, the Nordiques will get an as-

ver Nuggets, who this season contributed

significantly to the bottom line of the satel-

screened Flaherty and it was 2-



yet-undecided new name and a new, \$132 million downtown arena being built by Comsat. It already owns basketball's Den-

> Susan Ragany The Associated Press The look from goalie Arturs Irbe told the tale in San Jose.

Padres Defeat Expos. - After 2-Year Wait

"If we would have lost this one, I think I would have jumped out of a plane," the Pa- twice. He is 10-for-27 (370) dres' manager, Bruce Bochy, said with a big smile. "It didn't come easy."

Ken Caminiti hit a two-run homer, and Scott Sanders held the Expos to two hits for 71/3 innings Thursday night as the visiting Padres ended a 15-game losing streak against Montreal with a 4-3 victory. San Diego had not beaten Montreal since July 24, 1993.

It also ended a three-year, 14game losing streak in Montreal's Olympic Stadium, dating from July 19, 1992.

Caminiti hit his fourth homer of the season in the fifth after Steve Finley doubled to lead off. Butch Henry had walked Sanders with the bases loaded in the second.

Dodgers 3, Mets 0: Tom Candiotti pitched a five-hitter, for his 11th shutout and 64th complete game, while Tom Prince hit his first homer and an RBI double as Los Angeles won in New York.

The Mets, who have lost five straight, are scoreless in 23 consecutive innings. The Dodgers games. swept their first three-game series in Shea Stadium since 1975. Cardinals 4, Braves 1: Ken Hill, who gave up only six hits

in 6% innings, also got two hits

and drove in a run as St. Louis

Angels Look Heavenly

The Giants scored off Tyle Green on Mati Williams's RBF

single, a wild pitch and Royce Clayton's sacrifice ffy. Leiter gave up a homer to Dave Gallagher, the first batter he faced.

Almost two years after last beating the Montreal Expos, the San Diego Padres have done the Sa

a rest Wednesday so he could face Steve Avery, hit two dou-. bles, got an RBI and scored

> against Avery. Pirates 3, Martins 1: Orlando Merced doubled in Jay Beli, breaking a 1-1 tie in the eighth and giving Pittsburgh its second victory in 10 home games.

Pac Pac

Bell opened the iming with a double off Bobby Witt and

NL ROUNDUP

scored despite stumbling in mud and failing around third base. Merced, who went 3 for 4 and has nine hits in his last 15 at-bats, advanced on a groundout and scored on Jeff King's

sacrifice fly.

Reds 6, Cubs 2: Eddie Taubensee drove in two runs, Reggie Sanders homered, and visiting Cincinnati took advantage of two errors to win its 14th in

Giants 3, Phillies 1: Marks
Leiter scattered four hits as San Francisco ended a tirree-game losing streak in a game called after 51/2 innings and a rain delay of 2 hours, 49 minutes. It was the Phillies' first loss in five

SCOREBOARD

season to Denver.

Rhodes, Oquist (5), Mills (6), Bentitez (7), D.
Jones (8) and Mokes; Darlins, Leher (6),
Acre (6), Honeycutt (7), Eckerslev (9) and
Steinboch, W.—Honeycutt, 1-0, Bentitez, 0-3,
Sw—Eckersley (7), HR3—Boltimore, Boss
(1), C.Ricken (3), Boines (4), Ookland,
AcGwire (11), Steinboch (4), Poquette (1),
Control (11), Steinboch (4), Poquette (1), M. Leiter and Manwaring; T. Green and Dauiten, W—M. Leiter, 2-1. L—T, Green, 3-2. HR—Philadelphia, Gallagher (1). Major League Standings Japanese Leagues AMERICAN LEAGUE 000 000 216—3 4 0 000 000 016—1 4 0 Haney, Pichards (8), Monisomery (9) and Borders: Roberson, Reyes (8) and Oliver. W—Haney, 2-1. L.—Roberson, 0-1, Sv—Hanf-gomery (4). HRS—Kansas City, Gaetti (6). Borders (3). 800 028 080-- 2 6 8 878 040 20x--15 12 8 New York California M. Perez, MacDonald (2), Ausonio (5), Wickman (7), Wetteland (8) and Stanley; Longston, Edenfield (7). MJ. Williams (8). Percival (9) and Myers. Alianson (7). W—Longston, J-L. L-M. Perez 2-1, NF3—New York. Kelly (3). California. Salmon (7). C. .333 .556 .538 Davis (6), Snow (5). 14 13 _519 NATIONAL LEAGUE NATIONAL LEAGUE 000 100 000-1 6 0 000 013 00x-4 8 2 Avery, Contr. (6) and O'Brien: K.Hill. Fos-sos (7), Arocha (8), Henke (9) and Pognazi. W—K. Hill. 3-0. L—Avery, 1-2. Sv—Henke (9). Pct. .731 .572 .536 .370 .231 GB 999 091 998—1 6 0 990 001 02x—3 9 0 B. Wiff, Y. Perez (8), R. Veres (8) and C. Johnson; Lieber, Piesoc (8). Miceli (9) and Parent. W-Piesoc 2-0. L-B. Wift, 1-3. Syndiceli (5). HR—Fibrida, Sheffield (4). Los Asseles 01 00 141-3 11 0 New York 00 800 200-0 5 0 Chicago Cinciano Houston St. Louis Condigiti and Prince: Harnisch, J. Marzon

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Ortando: Grant 4-9 1-1 9, D.Scott 9-18 0-1 25, O'Neat 15-21 9-15 39, Hardaway 7-10 2-5 19, Anderson 6-113-4 17, Rollins 0-0 0-0 0, Shaw 1-4 4-4, Bowle 0-0 0-0 1, Tortas 42-75 21-33 119, 3-Point seats—Indiana 9-20 (Miller 4-8, McKey 2-4, Jackson 2-4, Workmon 1-3, B.Scott 0-11, Ortando 12-29 (D.Scott 7-15, Hardaway 3-5, Anderson 2-4, Tortner 6-1, Shaw 9-21, Fouled 0-11—None. Reboadds—Indiana 44 (D.Davis 13), Ortando 45 (Grant 12), Assists—Indiana 21 (Smits 6), Ortando 31 (Hardaway 15). Tetal feets—Indiana 29, O'rtando 32. Technicalfauls—Indiana 29, Orlando 25, Technica

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NHL Playoffs VANCOUVER

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7:24: Chellos, Chi (Iripoing), 2:57.
Overtime—5, Chicogo, Chellos 2 (Nicholis, Murphy), 6:22. Peoatties—None.
Skots on gogl—Chicogo 12-6-43--25, Vorcouver 10-5-1e-3-34. Power-play Opportual-ties—Chicogo 1d'8; Voncouver 0d' 4, Godlies—Chicogo, Bellour 7-3 (34 shots-22 saves). Voncouver, McLeon 4-6 (25-22).

(Defroit looks series 3-0)
First Period—1, Defroit, Sheppard 3 (Primeou), 15:08. 2. Defroil, Kazlov 4 (Fedorav, Brown), 15:51. Peneities—Lidstrom, Def (Iripping), 7:22; Ciccarelli, Def (high-sticking), 10:33; Miller, SJ (hooking), 17:57.
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man), 13:49. Pepatities—Felisov, Del (Iripping), 2:40: Kaglav, Del (Interference), 12:10:
Whitney, SJ (Irtaping), 13:49.
Third Period—4. Detroil, Fedarov 4 (Kazlav, Rouse), :19. 5. Defrail, McCarty 2 (Lidstrom), 11:44. 8. Delrail, Ciccorelit 7, 18:27.
Penatities—Romsev, Del (Iripolng), 4:43;
Grimson, Del. major (Highting), 10:16; Romsev, Del (roughing), 10:16; Deravar, SJ
(roughing), 10:16; Odgers, SJ, minor-majorgame misconduct (Instigator, fightling),
10:16; Lidstrom, Det (holding), 10:36; Grimson, Del (roughing), 20:00.
Stots on gool—Defrail 13-12-11—36. San
Jose 3-2-7—12. Power-play Opportunities—
Detrait 8 of 3; San Jose 8 of 6. Geatles—Detrait, Vernon 7-1 (12 shots-10 saves), San Jose,
Figherty 2-2 (36-30).

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call, Italy-Breschiat, 45;
6. Davide Rebellin, Italy-Maglificia MG, 1:22: 7, Claudio Chiappucci, Italy-Carrera, same time; 8, Francesco Casagrande, Italysame time; 8. Francesco Casagrande, Italy Mercatane Una. S.J.; 9. Jens Heppner, Germa ny-Telekom, s.J.; 10. Enrico Zaina. Italy-Car rero, s.t.

Standings: 1, Tony Rominger, Switzer Mapel GB, 53 hours & minutes and 18 sect 2, Plotr Ugrumov, Latvia-Gewiss Ballon, ind; 3, Evgeny Berzin. Russi ton. 3-14: 4. Cosnorande. 3:20: 5. Chicapoucci 5:12: 4, Zaina, 6:24; 7. Bruno Cenghialita. Italy-Gewiss Ballan, 6:48; 8. Payel Tonkov, Russia-Lamere, 6:52: 9. Rebellin, 7:12: 18, Heinz Im-baden, Switzertand-Ceramiche Refin. 7:14.

STRASBOURG OPEN

Kimiko Date (2), Japon, def. Miriam Ore-mars (8). Netherlands, 6-2, 6-4; Yone Komio, 4-44 Schine Appelmans, Belgium, 6-4, 6-3

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BASEBALL

BALTIMORE—Signed Kim Botists, infield-er, assigned him to Bowie, EL. BOSTON—Bought controct at Tim Wake-field, pitcher, from Powtucket, IL.

CHICAGO—Bought contract of John Kruk, first baseman, from Nashville, AA Designat-ed Chris Sabo, hitrd baseman, for assignment. KANSAS CITY—Activated Tom Gardon, pitcher, from the 15-day disabled list. Op-tioned Melvin Bunch, pitcher, to Omoho, AA. MILWAUKEE—Optioned Scatt Karl, pitch-er, to New Orleans, AA. Recalled Mike Math-York Yankees. eny, catcher, from New Orleans. NEW YORK—Styned Todd Benzinger, first baseman, to a miner-league controct. As-signed Matt Dunbar, pitcher, to Calumbus, IL.

National League CHICAGO — Assigned Josh Putrich, pitch er, to Rockford, ML, Activated Mike Morgan plicher, from the disabled list. Designa

outfleider Tutty Stodes for assignment

CINCINNATI—Announced Mike Remlinger, elicher, had cleared walvers and was
assigned to Indignapolis. AA.
FLORIDA—Returned Matt Dumbar, pitcher, to the N.Y. Yankes for \$25,000.
HOUSTON—Agreed to terms with Derek
Bell, outfielder, on 1-year controci.
L.A. DODGERS—Claimed John Cummings, pitcher, off walvers from the Seattle
Mariners and optioned him to Son Antonio.
TL. Designated Regule Williams, outfielder,
for assignment

ST. LOUIS—Placed Ozzle Smith, shortstop, on 15-day disabled list. Agreed to terms with Scatt Cooper, third baseman, on 1-year con-

National Football League BUFFALO—Signed Glenn Parker, often BUFFALO—Signed Green Porker, ones-sive linemon, to 4-year contract. CAROLINA—Reteased Dous Pederson, quorterback: Chortes Swann, defensive back: Eric Ball, runeling back; Drue Garneti, linebacker; and Barry Rose and Eric Welr,

GREEN BAY—Signed Crois Newsords non-running book. NEW ENGLAND—Resigned Dv

Sobb, linebocker. PHILADELPHIA—Re-Signed

The Associated Press

No team symbolizes the turnaround from AL Worst to AL Best better than the California Angels.

In the cellar when last season's strike hit, they won their seventh straight Thursday with a 15-2 drubbing of the New

At 18-9, they are tied with Cleveland for the best winning percentage in the league and have a three-game lead division over the Athletics.

lot of excitement, and it's something that we're trying to hang on to and ride as long as we can," said third baseman Spike

Owen. J. T. Snow hit his second major league grand slam in a nimerun second that led to a threegame sweep of the Yankees, preseason favorites to win the

The Angels, who last swept the Yankees in a three-game series at home in August 1990, outscored them by 28 to 3 and extending New York's road losing streak to five games. The winning margin was the Angels' largest ever against the Yan-

Athletics 9, Orioles 6: Terry

Steinbach hit his second grand slam this season as Oakland ral-

in the eighth, Armando Benitez

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walked three straight batters before Steinbach hit his sixth slam in the majors.

Kevin Bass' two run homer off Rick Honeycutt had given the Orioles the 6-5 lead an inning carrier.

Mariners 4, Red Sox 3: Scattle catcher Chad Kreuter, making a rare start, drove in his first two tens of the season and visiting Boston lost its fifth in six.

er the Athletics.

Twins 4. Tigers 3: Visiting "It's a lot of fun right now, a Minutesota's four game losing"

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streak ended when Pedro Munoz doubled home a run in the moth soe Boever pitching for the fourth time in five games. allowed a leadoff single to Chuck Knoblauch before Munoz doubled off the fence in right-center. Mark Guthric struck out a career-high 12 during six maings of relief.

Royals 3, Brewers 1: Only 8,639 fans at Milwaukee's County Stadium saw Chris Haney scatter three hits in 74innings and Gary Gaetti and Pat Borders homer for Kansas City.

Left-hander Sid Roberson, in his first major-league start, took lied to defeat visiting Baltimore. a two-hitter into the seventh be-With the Orioles ahead, 6-5. fore surrendering a two-run

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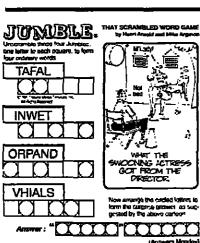
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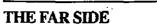
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ORLANDO, Florida -Why not us?" asks the sign in the locker room of the Orlando Magic, "Why not now?"

The Indiana Pacers will be hard-pressed to come up with an answer after the Magic

NBA PLAYOFFS

pulled out a 119-114 victory Thursday night that gave them a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference final.

The Pacers sure couldn't come up with an answer to a devastating inside-out attack that pro-duced a career playoff-high 39 points from Shaquille O'Neal and a team record 12 3-pointers that included seven from Dennis Scott — for 21 of his 25 points - and one by Nick Anderson with 13.9 seconds left.

"It's tough to get a read on them," said Indiana guard Reggie Miller. "Because the big fella down low is playing so well and he kicks it out and Nick and Dennis and Penny (Hardaway) are hitting their 3s, and then you still have a chance to win."

ble-digit lead early in the game, made 60 percent of their shots from the field for most of it, indeed 15 days that matter at finished at 57 percent and made 41 percent of their 3-pointers. Yet, thanks primarily to Miller's 37 points, the Pacers were able to stay in contention and even take a one-point lead. on Rik Smits's hook shot with 2 minutes, 32 seconds left.

O'Neal put Oriando ahead again with a layup, but missed the free throw that could have made it a 3-point play.

on a 3-pointer, Q'Neal was ments But he is not alone in his fouled inside, made one free guest at Stade Roland Garros: throw and massed the second. Pete Sampras, Boris Becker and But Hardaway grabbed the re- Stefan Edberg also need only bound, Scott missed a 3-point the Breich Open title to com-er, O'Nead rebounded and plete their collections. Smits picked up his lifth foul, Agassi, a two-time finalist

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The Pacers weren't quite fin-ished, as Miller banked in an off-balance 3-pointer with 9.2 seconds left. But Anderson pushed the ball ahead to forward Horace Grant for a layup and a foul that provided the

final five point margin. With that, the Magic, who had Eastern Conference's best record this season, kept their home-court advantage for the first time in these playoffs. Fortunately, perhaps: The teams now go to Indianapolis' Market Square Arena — where the Magic have lost six in a row - for games Saturday and Monday.

Draw Favors Agassi, Some **Pick Muster**

By Christopher Clarey Special to the Herald Tribune

PARIS - The French refer to their Grand Slam tennis tournament as la quinzaine, which literally means "15 or so."

The Magic rushed to a don- for an event that lasts exactly two weeks, but in a sense it is well-chosen because there are any Grand Slam: 14 for the competition and one for the draw. Friday's draw at the French

Open brought good news for Andre Agassi, the world's No. 1 player, who should not face serious resistance until the second week and Richard Krajicek, a Dutchman whose serve is as powerful as his body is fragile. Agassi is attempting to join

made it a 3-point play.

After Indiana guard players who have won each of Haywoode Workshan a missed the four Grand Slam tourna-

sending O'Neal to the line again, here, has the best shot of the with 1:06 left. This time, he four that he has not appeared made both foul short and the carrier so sharp since beating lagic were ahead, 113-169. Smits's dunk made it a two came in March. And unlike point game with 33 seconds left, other surfaces, clay is a subbut Anderson then sauk his 5 stance that has a nack for separate tha nack for separate that has a nack for separate that has a nack f pointer from the left side. Taking the specialists from the has played five tournaments on the second problem is that the French Open is a marathon, said. I didn't want to pass it make of the attention Friday up. Time was running down. The second problem is that the French Open is a marathon, compiling a 28-match victory up. Time was running down. The second problem is that the French Open is a marathon, not a sprint, and his brilliant spring might mean that Muster Sampras, who has a tricky first- his post-operative left knee.

PLUSH By Matt Gaffney

South Africa, With Victory, Is Now the Belle of Its Ball By Ian Thomsen knockout stages — a likely quarterfibe watching to see whether Australia nal against Italy, Western Samoa or becomes even more dangerous. rnational Herald Tribune CAPE TOWN - The final whistle Argentina; a semifinal with the hereto-

sounded like an invitation for hundreds of South African fans to run onto the field. Their team had just surprised Australia in the opening other, more vicious half of the draw. match of the Rugby World Cup. They poured down from the stands with a roar, but within moments they were standing around in a murmur.

Yet another result of two decades of isolation is that they didn't know how

They might consider Thursday as practice for the final June 24 in Johannesburg. Suddenly, the host nation must be considered the favorite to make it there. Its 27-18 beating of the

round match against gifted

claycourter Gilbert Schaller,

but on two Europeans: Sergi

Bruguera and Thomas Muster.

fending champion here and

though the Spaniard is seeded

only seventh after missing near-

sprained left knee, he appears

trian with the martial bearing,

has been living up to his nick-

Bruguera is the two-time de-

fore disappointing French. If it all would be fresh compared to whichever opponent slogged its way through the

"We're still the underdogs, make no mistake," said the team's captain, François Pienaar, after steering South Africa through its World Cup debut. "This was a one-off, and the World Cup is not about one-offs. We're not looking at any other team than Roma-

South Africa meets Romania on Tuesday with a match against Canada next two weeks will see England and to follow. The hosts may notice a huge Australia plotting how to beat each weight being lifted, as attentions turn other in their quarterfinal here.

Peter Walton burst through Côte d'Ivoire's feeble defense for one of Scotland's record-tying 13 tries during the match.

"I think what Muster has

The fifth-seeded Muster has

two problems, however. First, he

has a nasty draw with unseeded

dev and last year's finalist Al-

quarterfinal lurk Jim Courier, Goran Ivanisevic and rising

done this year is amazing," said

Bruguera, all too happy to redirect the spotlight. "I think he is

the favorite.

peaked too early.

ly two months of action with a claycourt whiz Andrei Medve-

to be rounding into form just in berto Berasategui (foundering at time. Muster, the ultra-fit Aus- the moment) in his eighth. In his

name, "The Terminator." He Spaniard Alberto Costa.

rica with the easiest route through the to Australia. The other contenders will

The French, for their part, were ecwent to form, the South Africans semifinal - much preferring a game with South Africa, regardless of its home-field advantage.

"That is the best thing that could have happened at the World Cup," said the French coach, Pierre Berbizier. "South Africa have showed that anything is possible, even the fall or the world champions at the first hur-

In fact, barring a stumble by the French, there shouldn't be any more upper-tier surprises until the powers meet in the next round June 10. The

"You often see that guys who rejoining the tour in February,

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Pierce, the only reasonable Gal-

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be tough for one of the top four was dominant in winning her

seeds to not go all the way. first Grand Slam title in Janu-

fortnight, has a draw made in eroded her edge this spring.

Russia Threatens Davis Cup Protest

DUSSELDORF (Reuters) - The Russian Tennis Federation

The International Tennis Federation has turned down the

Russian proposal to stage the Sept. 22-24 semifinal in Sochi, on

the grounds that the Black Sea resort 1) does not have a major

international airport and 2) that the city of 380,000 is, by ITF

regulations, not large enough to host the event. The ITF suggested

Referring to the U.S.-Sweden semifinal, Shamil Tarpishev,

Russia's sports minister and head of his country's Davis Cup team, said, "What is the difference between Sochi and Las Vegas?

Does Las Vegas have an international airport with direct flights

Senior, With 66, Leads British PGA

"No one can prove to me Sochi is worse than Las Vegas. We

WENTWORTH, England (Reuters) --- Australian Peter Senior

birdied five of the last seven holes Friday for a 6-under-par 66 and

a one-shot, first-round lead in the British PGA Championship.

Nick Faldo, in his first competitive round in Europe for nearly seven months, carded 65 but had to settle for a share of second

from Europe? And Sochi is bigger than Las Vegas.

invited the ITF to come and see and no one came."

place with record-chasing Bernhard Langer.

threatened Friday to use unranked players for the Davis Cup

semifinal against Germany as a protest if forced to switch venues.

On the women's side, it will lic hope for success in Paris. She

force," said the tournament di- weeks ago with the flu.

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that the matches be played in Moscow.

here, has not lost a set since more to a foreigner.

Muster to go all the way.

world final at Twickenham four years a 27-13 advantage. ago. "It's about time Australia had trouble with England," he added.

After Thursday, Australia's coach, Bob Dwyer, couldn't say it would be easy. He was at a loss to explain his team's failure to retain possession. Australia surely dominated the lineout - a weakness which South Africa must repair - but it showed all of the nerves and inexperience that had been expected to undo South Africa. No one would have guessed that the occasion

South Africa selected an attacking

would be too big for Australia.

"It's just what we didn't want — side, and the emotions and fantastic Australia kicked in the backside and energies of the day brought the players then bouncing back," said the England forward in waves. They dominated a coach, Jack Rowell, noting that his crucial half-hour period starting late in static about avoiding Australia in the team has always struggled against the first half, swarming their oppo-Australia, and was defeated in the nents' end as a 13-9 deficit turned into

The Australian captain, Michael Lynagh, the all-time leader with 887 Test points, was outkicked by South Africa's Joel Stransky (22 points off four penalties, a drop goal and the clinching try), while the celebrated David Campese was never set loose.

"We played a set move and one of our players ran into another," Dwyer said. "That's not common to our style of play; I haven't even seen it in practice. Huge improvement is needed. We're going to play some different players to see if they have the ability to withstand the pressure better."

Records Fall as Scots Romp, 89-0; France **Struggles and Wins**

points as Scotland ran through hapless Côte d'Ivoire to a record-breaking 89-0 victory Friday in the opening Pool D match of the Rugby World

Hastings, with his four tries, nine conversions and two penalties, easily eclipsed the previous individual mark of 30, held by Didier Camberabero of France and Rob Andrew of England.

Scotland atop pool D, along with co-favorite France, which won its first match later Friday against Tonga, Both Scotland and France are expected to advance to the quarterfinals.

were little match for the larger, ster and more-skilled and the game became almost comical at times with the Scots running and passing at will as their opponents tired and gave

Hastings scored three tries in

toria, France overcame a lack-Center Thierry Lacroix again

by flyhalf Yann Delaigue to open the scoring, in the 13th minute. Tonga outplayed the favorites in the first half, shutting down the swift French

Mafi and loosehead prop Sai'li Fe'ao powered the ruck to within inches of scoring, but the French forwards held firm in a

on three penalty kicks in the

Canada 34, Romania 3: In Port Elizabeth, South Africa, flyhalf Gareth Rees overcame

ada to a convincing 34-3 victory over Romania in their opening pool A match. Rees scored 19 points on four penalties, a drop goal and two conversions, as the Canadians kept alive a slim chance of advancing to the quarterfinals from the pool that includes fa-

shaky kicking early to lead Can-

Canada led 11-3 after a defensive first half despite three missed penalties by Rees.

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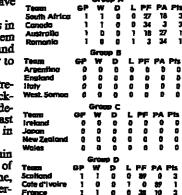
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Rees connected on a penalty in the 28th minute, and Romanian flyhalf Nedulai Nichitean responded with a penalty in the 37th minute. Rees then made kicked a long penalty just be-fore the whistle to restore the eight-point lead.

In the second half, Canada took charge with strong running and deep kicking that pinned down the tired Romanians. Al Charron scored a try in the 58th minute and Colin McKenzie went over in the 75th

The World Cup Standings FIRST ROUND



FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Canada 34, Romania 22 (25min.), Al (bar-canada: Tries—Rod Snow (25min.), Al (bar-ron (60), Chin McKenzie (69); Cohversions— Rees (60, 69); penalties—Gorath Rees (79.40, 40, 45); drop pool — Rees (79). Ramania: penalty—Nicolae Nichitean (37). Scotiand 89, Cote d'Ivoire 8 Scotiand: Tries—Govin Hastinas (timin. 32.

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For the Record Kresimir Cosic, 46, the former BYU and European basketball star who most recently was Croatia's deputy ambassador to the United States, died of cancer of the lymph nodes at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. D New York Times/Edited by Will Shortz. **ESCORTS & GUIDES**

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first half, one a 10-meter chip RUSTENBURG, South Af- shot, and did not put Tonga on rica - Gavin Hastings kicked the scoreboard until well in the and ran for a world record 44 second half.

Cup.
The 89 points were the most ever scored by one team in a World Cup match, eclipsing New Zealand's 74 against Fiji in 1987; it was the greatest winning margin ever recorded, and Scotland's 13 tries tied France's record against Zimbabwe in

The anticipated victory put

Côte d'Ivoire, playing in its first World Cup, lost captain Athanese Dali to injury in the 27th minute while trailing 13-0. The inexperienced Africans

Defending champion Arantxa ary at the Australian Open; she Sanchez Vicario of Spain, the was a finalist here a year ago. world No. 1 at least for the next But injuries and illnesses have If she can handle the pressure, match since hiring Carlos Kir- woman to win here since Franmayr as her coach in March. coise Durr in 1967. If not the end Steffi Graf, a three-time winner of la quinzaine will belong once

up in the second half. the first half, converted them all, kicked two penalties and converted Peter Walton's try to give Scotland a 34-0 lead.

France 38, Tonga 10: In Prehister 6-0 first half against determined Tonga and in the last 25 minutes rolled to victory in its Pool D opener.

proved himself the mainstay of the French scoring machine, with two tries, three conversions and three penalties. Despite a brilliant drop goal

The islanders mounted the

only serious attack on the try-line of the first half, with a passing wave led by flyhalf Elisi Vunipola and fullback Sateki Tu'ipuloto. Tighthead lock Falamani

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Carefree Vacationing

MIAMI — Parents: school is almost out, which means it's time to make those anywhere except on the signs. For example, if the sign says summer vacation plans, load up the family car is the habitat of the river offer, you can be and take off, quickly, before the kids get sure that there will be no river ofters within

I am of course joshing. You should take the kids; there's nothing quite like putting the whole family into the car and hitting the open road, leaving your worries behind, driving mile after carefree mile.

yourself with the . . . OFFICIAL GOV-ERNMENT CLASSIFICATIONS OF mildew. The first thing we saw, on arriving in the rain forest parking lot, was a bulletin HAPPEN ON YOUR VACATION.

I refer here to the International Classification of Diseases (ICD), which is the SON IS KNOWN TO BE IN THIS AREA. system used to report medical problems to U.S. government agencies. Alert reader Denise Martin sent me a copy of the ICD, which classifies every conceivable kind of medical problem, including the following.

which I am not making up: E845 — Accident in spacecraft. E912 — Bean in nose. E966 — Beheaded by guillotine.

E906.8 -- Butted by animal. E842 — Glider fire

E915 — Hairball. E908 - Injured by cloudburst. E912 — Marble in nose. E906.8 — Pecked by bird.

E844 — Sucked into jet aircraft. Do not let this list alarm you. Statistics show that, on any given vacation trip, your family is likely to experience no more than four or five of these emergencies - even fewer, if you exercise strict parental discipline ("Jason, you let your brother out of Its and reading a sign that said: "Lean your that guillotine RIGHT NOW, or we are head back; peer into the forest canopy. NOT stopping at the Tastee Freez").

Speaking of sharp objects, you'll want to be especially careful if your vacation destination includes a rain forest. I say this because of an alarming experience I had last summer when the Barry family held a reunion on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington. One afternoon a bunch of us Barrys now the machete person has been captured packed some healthy trail provisions in the by the authorities or eaten by otters. So you form of a large box of Cheez-Its and drove and your family probably have nothing to to the Quinault Rain Forest, which is one of worry about this summer; just relax and those nature preserves where they put up enjoy a totally carefree vacation, wherever lots of informational signs with drawings of you roam, from sea to shining sea. specific wildlife items that you never see

For example, if the sign says that the area miles of it. The river otters, who can read at

Anyway, we went to the Quinault Rain Forest to expose the younger generation of Medical emergencies can occur on even the best-planned family trip. That's why, before you set out, you should familiarize our dwindling rain forests, without which our dwindling rain forests, without which board with a recently tacked-up notice that said, I swear: ATTENTION!! THIS PER-LAST SEEN WEARING EARRINGS, A TATTOO (ON SHOULDER), CAMOU-FLAGED PANTS (MILITARY TYPE). AND A VEST. CARRYING A MA-CHETE. THIS PERSON HAS ASSAULT-ED A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE AND IS CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

As you can imagine, this notice put something of a damper on our rain forest experience. It's difficult to fully appreciate the habitat of the northern flying squirrel when you are expected at any moment to encounter the camouflaged machete loon.

Nevertheless we followed the little nature trail and read all the informational signs, which appeared to have been written by graduates of Extremely Creative Writing 101. For example, at one point, my brother Sam and I were munching Cheezhead back; peer into the forest canopy. Search for the subtle activity and listen as the gentle breezes muffle the sounds of life

"Are you gonna do that?" " I asked

Sam.
"I'd be afraid that a squirrel would go to

the bathroom on my face," he replied.

Anyway, we got out of the rain forest without any mishaps, and I'm sure that by Knight Ridder Newspapers

Disney Assailed for Pocahontas Portrayal

By Anthony Faiola

WEST POINT, Virginia — Clouds of smoke from a roaring pit fire circle Little Dove Custolow as she weaves the tale of her tribal heroine. Here, she says, in rural Virginia just west of the Chesapeake, before the Europeans came, before the smallpox and the reservations, there was Pocahonias.

"She was a child of respect and honor," said Custolow, daughter of a Powhatan chief, and a village storyteller in one of the last surviving tribes descending from Pocahontas, the 17th-century child ambassador of an Indian nation. "Respect and honor were as great a part of her life as food and air. She used them as a tool to bridge the gap between peoples with different languages and different cultures.

Custolow recalls her dying grandfather calling her to his bedside when she was 5, commanding her to spread the tales of Pocahontas and her people "like seeds upon the four winds." That mission has consumed her. For the past 30 years --- since she was a teenager --- she has journeyed to schools, museums and folklore festivals to

tell the tales, often six days a week, and often for free. It was on a mission to colonial Williamsburg in 1992 that researchers for Walt Disney Studios spotted Custolow. Struck by her intimate knowledge of the tale and her strong Indian facial features, they brought her to California as a model and consultant for Disney's epic "Pocahontas," the animated successor to its block-buster "The Lion King." Custolow hoped that through the 78-minute animated feature premiering June 10, she could share with the world the tales told by her grandfather.

But when Disney flew her to California three weeks ago to preview the film, her hopes were dashed. "I wish they would take the name of Pocahontas off that movie," she sighed.

Disney's portrayal of Pocahontas, she says, is a sharp departure from history. Her disappointment is being echoed by historians and Indian activists nationwide. For Custolow's people, whose ancestors spoke Algonquian — an unwritten language — the oral tradition of storytelling is considered a vital link to their past. So, by reinventing Pocahontas, Disney in effect is reinventing and distorting the tribe's culture for future generations, they maintain.

Perhaps there are no people more sensitive to the story of Pocahontas than her tribal descendants, who now live in a region of rural central Virginia that stretches from the Chesapeake Bay to Richmond. About 1,000 strong, they make up the remnants of the Powhatan Nation, a confederacy of 34 tribes that once stretched from present-day North Carolina to Southern Maryland and were named after their ruler, Chief Powhatan, the father of

Disney, which labored to avoid ethnic stereotyping by hiring many Indians for the four-year project, argues that the exact details of the Pocahontas legend remain vague

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Little Dove Custolow objects to film's viewpoint.

at best, making it a perfect piece of history to mold.

"We set out to do something inspired by the legend, not to make a documentary," said Peter Schneider, president of Walt Disney Studios' animation division.

"But you've got to remember something important. The history of Prochectes is in and of itself a source of history of Pocahontas is, in and of itself, a source of much controversy. Nobody knows the truth of her legend. We simply set out to make a beautiful movie

about the Native American experience." The conflict underscores the pressure that movie makers in the 1990s face in accurately portraying ethnicor other minorities in films. Indeed, Disney, an imageconscious company, still carries scars from the wrath of Arab-Americans stemming from its portrayal in "Aladdin," which was retooled after those criticisms. Disney also faced an uproar over the company's approach to history at its proposed Disney America theme park in

Virginia, which has been shelved. To authenticate Pocahontas, Indians were used as screen voices and as consultants for the film's elaborate

dance and music scenes. Many of the Indians who worked on the project.

including Indian activist Russell Means, who provides the voice of Chief Powhatan, applaud Disney for taking

flie tale of a young Indian girl to the big screen.

After all, they say: at its heart, Disney's "Pocahontas" is an entertaining child's film.

"It is the finest feature film ever done in Hollywood on the Native American experience, said Means, a

leader of the American Indian Movement who, in 1973. helped lead the 71-day takeover of the Pine Ridge Reservation town of Wounded Knee. South Dakola. But for Custolow, and many others, the soul of the legend has been compromised.

Throughout the Disney film, she says, Pocahontas is depicted not as an innocent child, but as a woman of 20. clad in form-fitting buckskin and involved in a fictitious romance with Captain John Smith. While many facts about Pocahontas remain in dispute, most historians agree that Pocahontas was about 11 when she first met the Europeans, and while she later married a while man. they say, she never romanced Smith.

Custolow says that early sketches of Pocahontas made her appear a child of 11. But later, Disney changed her appearance. Disney executives say that's not true. Of course there were changes during the development of the process, but we never set out to make her look 12

years old," Schneider said. Disney's film, Custolow says, also ignores significant events such as the kidnapping of Pocahonias by British settlers — a kidnapping that later led to her conversion to Christianity and her marriage to the settler John Rolfe.

Disney's film "may not be a feather-and-loincloth depiction of Indians as savages and heathers, but it is a disrespect for what we believe are the facts about Pocahontas," said Sonny Skyhawk, a Hollywood consultant on movies including Columbia Pictures Geronimo, an American Legend.

Hanay Geiogamah, founder of New York City's American Indian Dance Theater, worked on the Disney film as choreography consultant. He doesn't understand

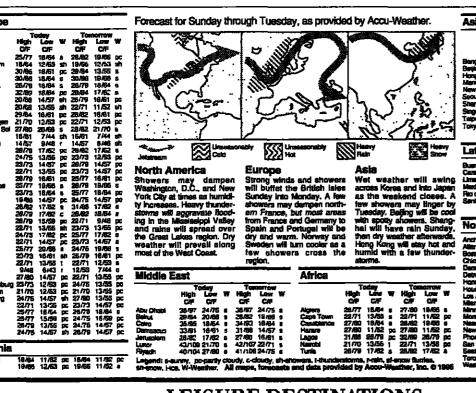
"O.K., so it's not historically accurate," he said. "I don't think that's necessarily bad." Means said, "I can't accept all this fuss being created by these nit-picky anthropologist types. The accounts of her life were vague. And the truth is that there are some people who believe she was never kidnapped, but went to Jamestown willingly. There is no right or wrong here: it is a story that is best left up to interpretation.

In 1992, Disney researchers spotted Custolow and offered her a \$500 consultant fee. "We felt she had the spirit of Pocahontas within her." said Disney's Schneider. "She embodied the character we were trying to

He added: "We set out to paint a very respectful. spectacular view of a culture that no longer exists."

But that, Custolow says, is where Disney erred. 'Our culture does exist; it lives through our stories." she said. "And that is why they are so important to

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paper in England. Today he is hailed as Britain's next literary sensation and has £100,000 (\$160,000) in the bank for an advance. After sending off his manuscript to a London agency early in May, the 35year-old journalist had little hope publishers would soon be fighting over his brooding tale about how a man takes revenge on his former teachers. "I hate to use a cliché, but it is a dream come true," Bedford said. "I've been writing fiction six or seven years and tried previously to get published." Bedford, who quit his job on the newspaper in northern England on Friday, has publishers lining up for the over-seas rights to his novel, "Acts of Revision." The book is due out in the spring

The shoes worn by President Nelson Mandela of South Africa when he walked to freedom five years ago have fetched a large sum at an auction held by Christie's. Estimated at £3,000 by the auction house, the bidding rose swiftly to reach £4,000 in less than two minutes, before reaching a final figure of £4,500. Mandela acceded to the request for his shoes after learning that half the proceeds would go to a South African foundation for underprivileged children. Mandela walked free in his "historic shoes" on Feb. 11, 1990, after 27 years in prison. The shoes were bought by a company whose South African affiliate made them. . . . A previously unknown recording by a school-age Mick Jagger and Keith Richards per-

forming in a private home was sold for £50,625 at auction in London, also at Christie's. The reel-to-reel tane, recorded in 1961 — two years before Jagger and Richards shot to fame with the Rolling Stones — contains 12 tracks and lasts 34 minutes. It is said to have been dug out of a cupboard by a former school friend. They perform early pop classics by Chuck Berry, Elvis Presley and Ritchie Valens. Christie's would not reveal the identity of the buyer... . A suede jacket belonging to John Lennon fetched £20,250 at the auction of pop mem-

Tom Hanks came back to where it all started. The Oscar-winning actor returned to Skyline High School in Oakland, California, to honor his first drama teacher the couple use the only genuine Egyptian

THREE weeks ago Martyn Bedford ■ was a freelance editor on a local news-

Ringo Starr (left, looking self-conscious) and David Letterman in Beatle wigs.

with a lifetime achievement award in ed-temple in Manhattan. A spokeswoman for ucation. "I have been able to parlay what I learned from Mr. Rawley T. Farnsworth into what is called a lucrative career," Hanks told the cheering, hooting crowd.
"It's good work if you can get it," he added as teenage girls in the crowd shouted "We love you!" and "Kiss me!" He told the audience that pupils in Farnsworth's classes performed works by such greats as Tennessee Williams and Shakespeare.

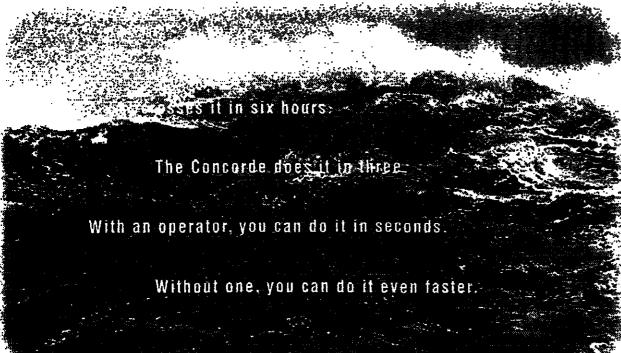
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Ringo Starr joined David Letterman in donning mop top wigs reminiscent of the haircurs the Beatles sported in the '60s. Letterman's late evening show is taped daily at the Ed Sullivan Theater in New York, the stage on which the Beatles first performed in America.

Bronx Zoo? Michael and Lisa Marie to the press after a museum refused to let

ABC television said several New York locations were being considered for an interview with the couple on June 14 after the Metropolitan Museum of Art said they could not use its Temple of Dendur for security reasons. "They put the art work first," said the spokeswoman. The interview with Diane Sawyer will be the first the couple has given since they were married last year.

King Juan Carlos I and Oueen Sofia of Spain are in Washington to attend the crown prince's graduation. The Spanish king and queen had tea with President Bill Clinton and his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton. As they arrived at the White House, Juan Carlos kissed Mrs. Clinton's hand, and the queen and first lady kissed How about Grand Central Station? The cach other on the cheek. The king and United Nations? The World Trade Center?
Macy's? Times Square? Or maybe the degrees from Washington's Georgetown University. At the same ceremony, Crown Presley Jackson hunted for a place to talk Prince Felipe is to receive a master's degree in foreign affairs from the university's Walsh School of Foreign Service.



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